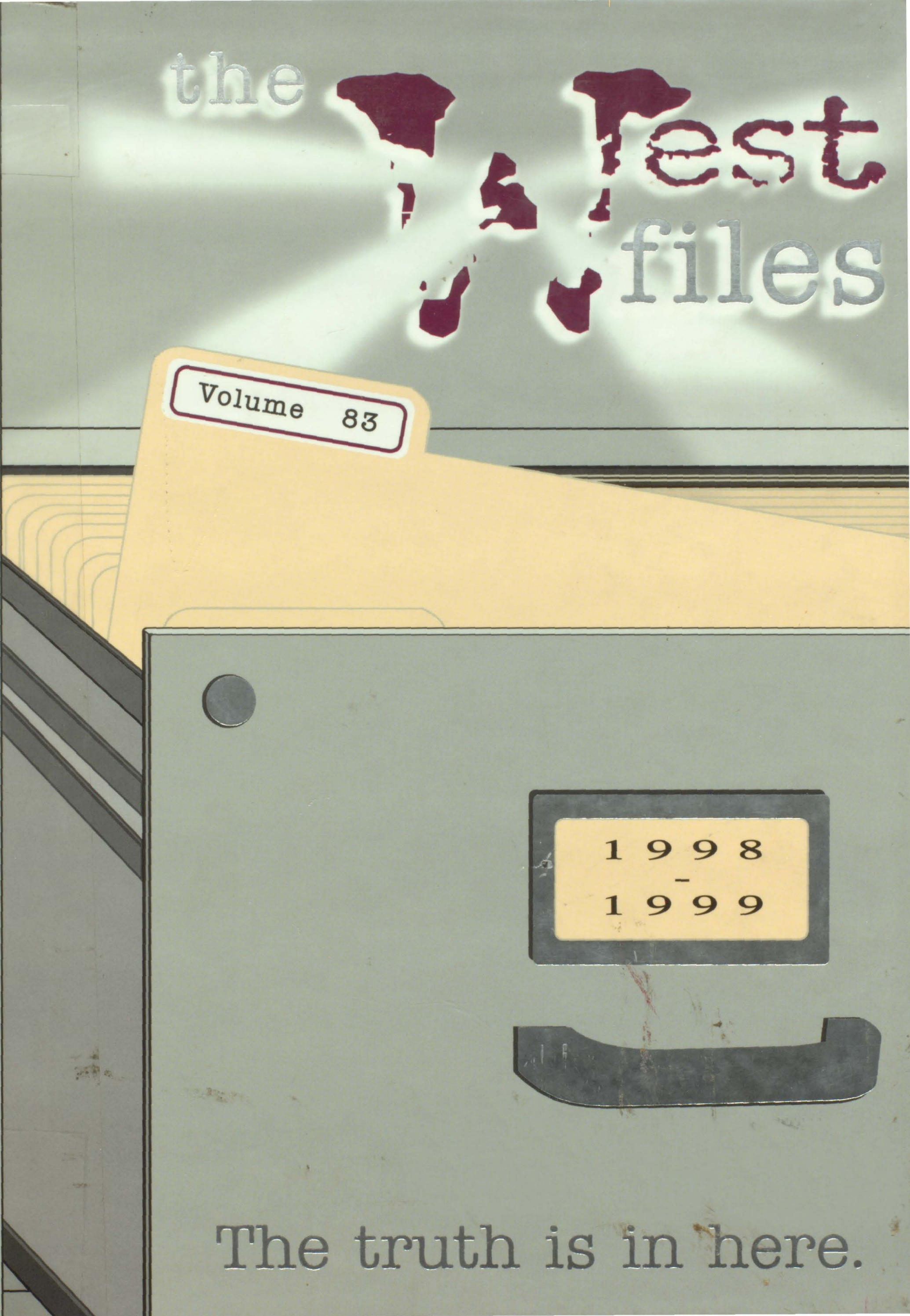

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A part of many students' lives is sports events. These fans are cheering on the football team at a Friday night game.

File authorized to be opened

Getting to school early in the morning is common among students. It's a good time to socialize and enjoy the late summer weather.

The week before school opens, students line up in the cafeteria to register and pay fees. They also picked up their texts and had yearbook pictures taken.

We are releasing The West Files for public view. They contain inside information and revealing photos pertaining to what went on at West during the 1998-99 school year, including students' activities and interests inside and outside school. The Bellevinois staff sought and obtained the following information to expose to the public. The truth is in here. ✎ senior Lindsay McMillin, Editor-in-Chief

As principal, Dr. Phillip Silsby opens all events. At the Fall Assembly he made a brief introduction then handed the program over to Student Council President Billy Mease

STUDENT LIFE

Students can always find things to do with their time. Whether they spend time at a job, on a vacation, involved in co-curricular activities or just hanging with friends, teenagers are hard to keep up with. The Bellevinois staff opened this section, "Strictly Personal," as an opportunity for the public to see what keeps students on the go.

✏ senior Lindsay McMillin, editor

Rob Bruss, DJ Mernick, Jaci Shofner, and Ryan Frank played beach volleyball in Panama City Beach, Florida. They gather for a picture with their youth group from St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Belleville.

Once a year, these sophomore girls gather at Suzanne Souders' house for an overnight. One of their close friends, Christie Arendall, moved away a couple of years ago. When she comes to town, the Emge girls have a reunion to catch up on what Arendall has been up to.

During the summer, a group of friends gathered at junior Lindsey Mackevicius' house for a "going away" party. Dustin Blanquart's cousin Justin had been in town visiting family and was returning to Texas.

Outside the Centerville Congregational Church, senior Aaron Wilson gathers with friends. Wilson said, "It was a nice summer day, and we just wanted our picture taken."

Strictly Personal

No Time Off

Jobs can take the fun out of summer

Watching over the activity at Westhaven's swimming pool doesn't bother junior Sara Fitzgerald. She got her job for extra money, and it improved her tan.

While filling the produce bin at Schnuck's, senior Kenny Frasca was thinking about his paycheck. Frasca liked the job and the people he worked with.

As sophomore Chrissy Yingst discovered during the summer, babysitting isn't an easy job. She said children are sometimes difficult to handle.

During the summer, students hang out with friends, go swimming, camping, or vacationing with their families. The alternative to fun is getting a job to build up a little cash flow over the summer months.

Since she was going to Europe with a group of other students in 1999, junior Kara Wilson's father insisted that she get a job during the summer. She worked with her dad at Scott Banzai Homes. "I liked it," she said, "but I worked only with adults. I'd rather work with people my own age."

Summer worker senior Brian Stoops spent his time at Schubert's Meat Packing Co. His job included cleaning the cutting table, the freezer and the lobby, as well as hauling meat and picking up pigs for customers. The job turned out to be a permanent one for Stoops.

Working as one of those annoying perfume sprayers, senior Amanda Hindman confessed she knew she was being a pest, but "it beat flipping burgers and smelling grease all day." ✎

junior Natalie Hoff

Keeping an eye on the pool activities, senior Mike Bates is on duty at King's Point. Bates said his job could be boring at times, but "It's a good way to get a tan."

Junior Tori Toler worked at a doctor's office filing charts. She explained, "I liked it because it was air-conditioned and it earned me some spending money."

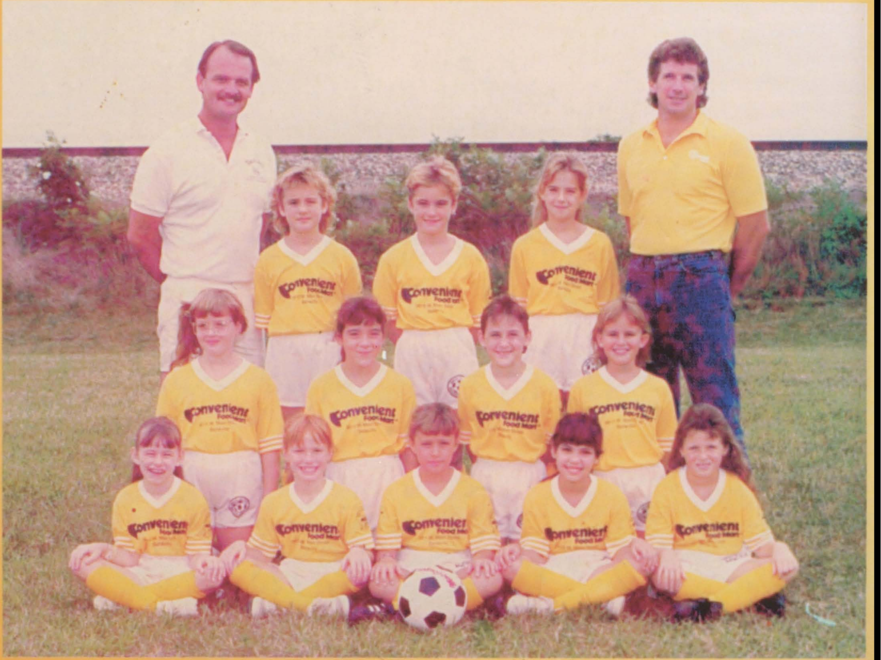
Staying cool during the summer, senior Matt Hagarty bagged ice at Mr. J's. Hagarty took the job for extra cash.

To pick up some extra cash, junior Billy Cassano babysat. It wasn't as easy as he thought it would be, so he didn't exactly like it.

Looking Back

That was then, and here's now.

Looking back to age 10, Jason Feldt says his favorite pastime was playing basketball and soccer with his friends. Now in his senior year, his job at Vogt Oil doesn't give him time to play.



Most members of this 2nd grade Belle-Clair soccer team are now seniors at West: Front Row: (Moved), Krystl Kraus, Leslie Bangert, Frances Hensley, Manda Hindman, Second Row: Renee Rhodes, Kayce Schifferdecker, (Not at West), (Not at West), Third Row: (Coach), Nicole Panzau, Sarah Panzau, (Not at West), (Coach)

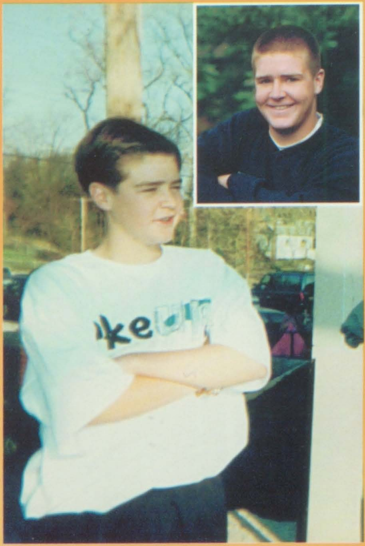
As a child, Candice Betts was playful and energetic. As a senior, she still has those qualities, but one difference between then and now is she no longer plays with Barbie dolls.

It would be nice to turn back time to the days when homework was nonexistent, naptime was at 2:00, and recess was as important as math, science, and English. Things are different now. Not only have our daily schedules changed, but our friendships and personalities are completely different.

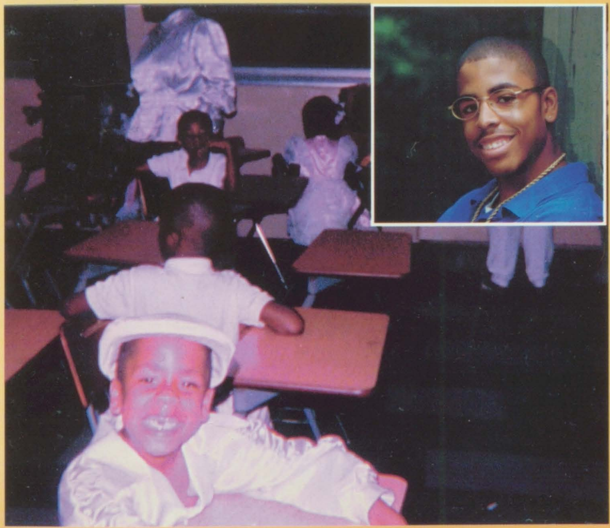
Friendships change a lot over the course of high school. Sophomore Erin Brunsman said, "When I got to high school, I realized that I didn't have to hang out with all the same types of people. Sometimes I'd hang out with grade school friends, but other times I would hang out with older people. It's fun to do different things every weekend."

Most people find they make all new friends in high school. Junior Angie Hauss said, "I don't hang out with anyone I went to grade school with. It's more fun to get to know new people."

Perhaps the element that changes most over time is personalities. Junior Mark Gessford said, "I'm more outgoing now. I learned not to care so much about what other people thought of me." Senior Tanya Guyer agreed, "I'm not as shy as I used to be." ✎ *junior Katie Rodman*



Senior Andy Holtzclaw said, "I was a typical sixth-grader, interested in sports and occasionally getting in trouble in classes. Now, I'm more mature and responsible, handling school and a job and graduating early."



When senior Justin Mallett was a child, he was very "hyper," according to his mother, and wanted to be involved in everything. Today, one of his favorite activities is baseball, where he is on the varsity team.

On her fourth birthday, junior Dawn Reuter enjoys the party with friend Lissa Farquhar. As a child, Reuter was quiet and shy. She says she has totally changed and is now outgoing and very talkative.

After their daily swim, nine-year-olds Jackie Mojzis and Tara Hamann posed for Mojzis' mom. These current seniors were best friends for thirteen years, and they still enjoy swimming.

GO MAROONS

Fall sports take center stage

Senior members of the football team Lucas Mayer, Casey Dial and Josh Kinsman wait to walk through the endzone before taking their places on the field. In the meantime, the classes are yelling to boost the spirits of the fall athletes and to win the Spirit Trophy.

At the end of the assembly, Dr. Silsby announced the winners of the Spirit Award. For the second year in a row, the class of 2001, the sophomores, took the trophy.

Sophomores Joel Rund, Elliot Ptasnik, Jeff Maceyko and Todd Davis imitate the cheerleaders. The boys performed skits to introduce each of the fall sports teams.

In the annual "Maroons Are Great Assembly" on September 4, the entire student body gathered in the west end of the football stadium to hear Student Council President Billy Mease introduce the varsity teams and their coaches as well as the marching band and their new director, Ms. Melissa Gustafson.

As a newcomer, freshman Lindsey Irwin commented, "This was my first experience with an assembly at West, and I thought it was neat to be a freshman athlete and get to sit on the field. I got a great view of the people."

"The Maroons Are Great assembly is a fun way to get the school pumped for upcoming events," junior Sarah Hegeman said.

The assembly concluded with the announcement of the 1998 Miss Maroon Court: Jada Davis, Cassie Hanusa, Brittney Hargraves, Gail Lauth and Jamee Rund. Just a few weeks later, Miss Gail Marie Lauth was crowned Miss Maroon 1998 at the Hobo Day Dance. ✎ *senior Megan Suess*

Members of the class of 2002 show their spirit by spelling out their class name. Despite being told to "Go Home," they were very excited about the day.

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Members of the Miss Maroon Court congratulate each other. Dr. Silsby announced seniors Jamee Rund, Cassie Hanusa, Jada Davis, Brittney Hargraves and Gail Lauth as the nominees for Miss Maroon 1998.

Juniors spell out their class name with camouflage posters. "Camouflage" was their class distinction attire.

CLASS OF 1999

Members of the Class of 1999 show their spirit at their last "Maroons Are Great Assembly." Though they did not win the spirit award, they participated with enthusiasm for the fall athletes and band.

In the Spirit

Students carry on "Hobo" tradition

Demonstrating his jello-eating skill at the Hobo Day assembly, junior Joey Reynolds won this contest. He competed against faculty members Jane Steinkuehler and Bill Schmidt and representatives from the three other classes.

With the football players on the front end of the rope, the juniors easily won over the seniors. This junior class won most of the competitions, including Floats, Spirit Trophy and Sliders.

BELLEVILLE WEST

With Mr. Paul James refereeing, junior Lissa Johns and sophomore Tricia Lugge compete in the girls' arm wrestling championship. Lugge came out the victor.

Spirit week continued in its traditional format. Dress-up days were as follows: Tuesday, Rival School Day; Wednesday, Toga Day; Thursday, Class Distinction Day; and, as usual, Friday, Hobo Day. "Hobo Day was fun this year," commented junior Amy Eader, "I liked all the new activites."

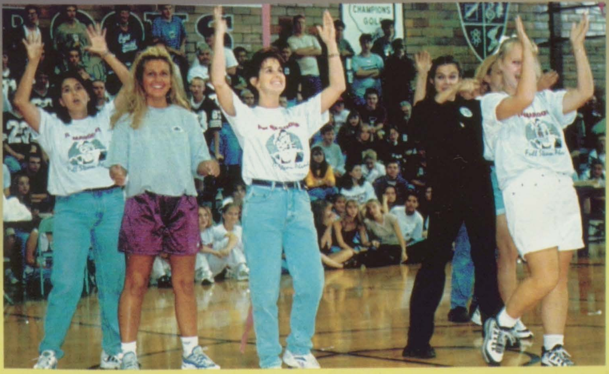
In the Main Gym on Friday, October 16, many activities, such as arm wrestling, dress-up contest, and the new "Sliders" competition, took place. The "Sliders" competition consists of one group of five boys from each class sliding on the floor to spell out the word "WEST." The juniors became the champions. "It was a fun competition, even though we lost," commented Neal O'Donnell, one of the five senior participants.

The arm wrestling competitions were won by junior Kyle Ketrow and sophomore Tricia Lugge. Other competitions were: Tug of War, Teepee, and the Spirit Award. The juniors won all these competitions. ✎ *senior Casey Wendling*

Student body president, senior Billy Mease, presided over the activities at the assembly. Mease is in costume for the Slider's competition later in the assembly.

Senior Justin Mallet shows off his attire on Class Distinction Day while fellow classmates find it amusing. Mallet's theme was 80's day.

Junior Kyle Ketrow defeated senior Josh Kinsman to become Arm Wrestling Champ. Ketrow proudly diplays his trophy after rejoining his classmates.



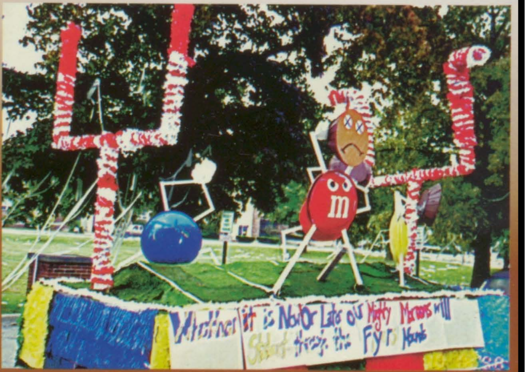
The faculty enjoy getting involved in activities during Spirit Week and on Hobo Day. For the assembly, the dance team taught a group of female teachers a cheer and a dance.

Floating to the Top

Nothing's sweeter than victory

Working hard on the last night of building, junior Brett Heger attempts to get the golden goalpost to stand straight. The junior class spent many hours constructing their float for the annual Hobo Day Parade.

Awaiting the festivities, each class stands behind its float in anticipation of the parade. The parade route was shortened for the second year in a row in order to encourage students to participate.



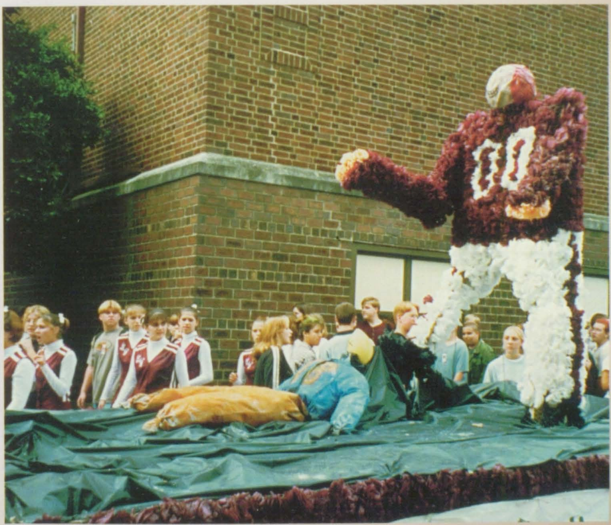
To complete their float, the sophomore class worked up to the last few minutes before the start of the parade. The spectators, including young students from grade schools in the area, enjoyed seeing the high school students and their floats.

Near the end of September, the annual tradition of float-building continued. For approximately three weeks before the long-anticipated Hobo Day, members of each class met in Millstadt to construct their floats. Every year, students walk along side their floats as the parade moves down Main Street. At the end of the parade, Principal Silsby announces the winning float. The junior class was awarded the honor this year.

The float theme was "Candy." All the floats were built high with colorful sweets, like giant M&M's and football-sized Lemonheads. Each class worked up to the last minute before the parade began in order to complete their floats; some were more successful than others. The freshmen, for example, didn't even get their float in the parade.

Float-building has always been one of the most popular spirit competitons to make Hobo Day fun and to keep the tradition alive. ✎ *junior Jill Politsch*

Enjoying the new experience, members of the freshman class spent each night at the float sight in Millstadt planning and building their first float. The float-building process started slowly, but they completed their float in time.

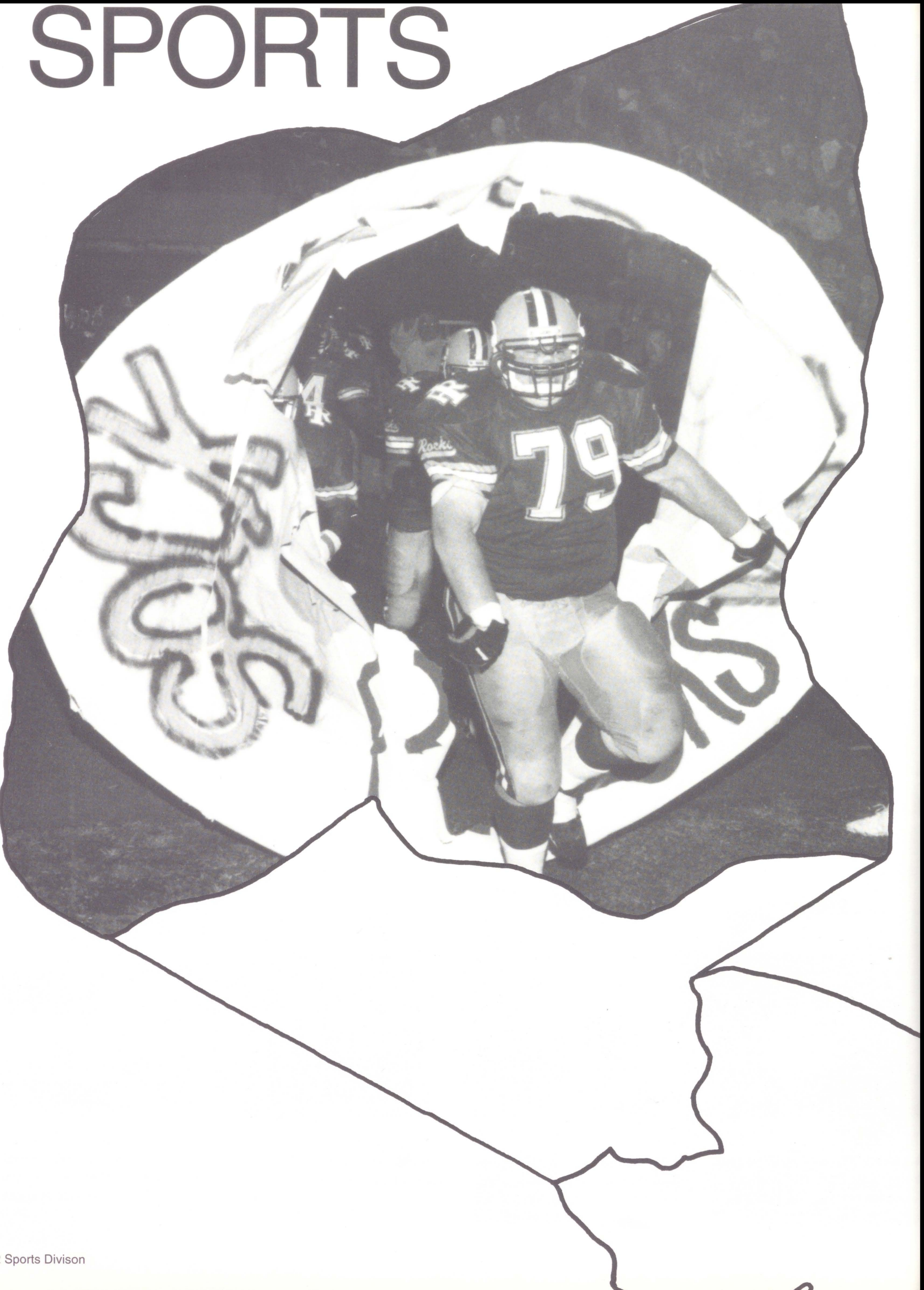


Beginning the parade, members of the junior class walk beside their float in the circle drive. This class had the winning float for the second year in a row.

Stretching it, junior Aaron Klemme reaches to stabilize the giant football player on the class float. Much of the time spent on float-building is used to design a float that will not fall apart or collapse during the parade.

Going at it, the seniors measure the paper that will be used to create the huge M&M steamroller. Each class used different types of candy on their float. The seniors got the first choice of the kinds of candy.

SPORTS



State Qualifiers stand out

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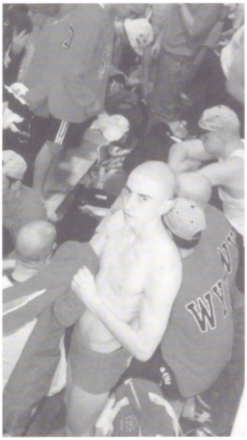
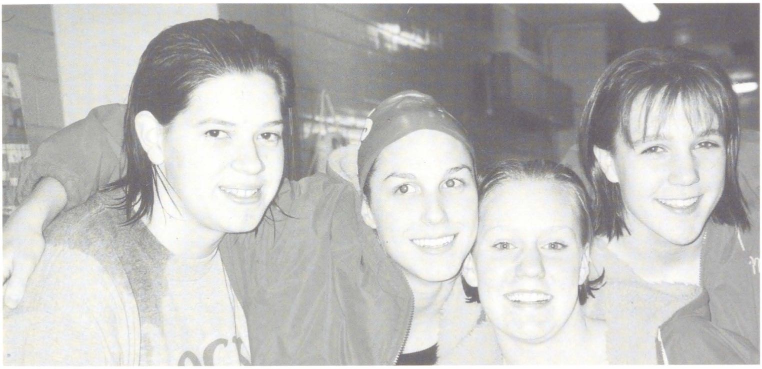
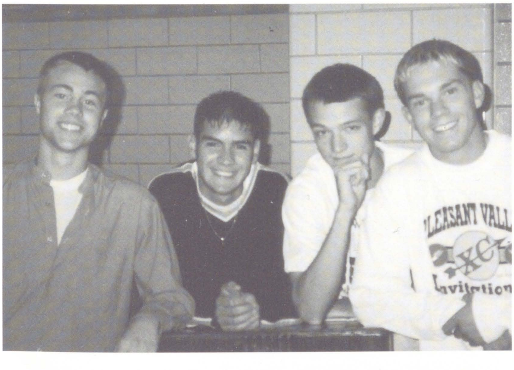
1. Down at state, the girls golf team of Anne Sias, Kallie Lukasik, Christy Czekalski, Coach Cindy Lukasik, Rebecca Kean, Karli Murphy, and Erin Westensee posed by the course sign.

2. Adam Hill, Danny Tutskey, Ronel Muskeyvalley, and John Austin show off their metals after placing 8th in the 4x100 relay for the State Track Meet.



3. After warm-ups, Jay Westensee puts on his sweats in preparation for the 500 freestyle.





4. The 200 free relay team of Emily Scott, Rena Kelinson, Kellie Vogt, and Maura Milas gathered for a quick picture.

5. Cross country state qualifiers Ryan Allen, Sean Mendoza, Dustin Green, and Ryan Sheets proudly pose for a picture.

Rock solid performances

For high school athletes, qualifying for IHSA State Finals is the preeminent level of contest.

The seasons are designed to prepare athletes to reach goals and beat competition. Qualification is obtained through rigorous training. Training is a continuous process throughout the year, in and out of season.

Double practices condition state focused athletes. In particular, the cross country and swim teams practice before school from 6:00-7:00 am. Rena Kelinson, a four year state qualifier, stated, "Mornings help me put in enough hours and yardage to achieve my goals."

Along with the training, dedication and talent are essential for qualification. State qualifiers are the best of high school athletes, high level athletes close to perfection in technique and body structure. Intense training is not enough to qualify, but the combination of training and technique results in a finalist. Dedication leads to the desire to maintain intense training and reach goals.

Different sports have distinct criteria for advancement. For individual competitions, IHSA regulations or sectional performances decide qualifications. Beating other teams in the area from regionals to sectionals advances other sports to state level.

State qualifiers are the creme de la creme of high school athletes.

Rocks finish another good season

After losing a great deal of senior talent and leadership, the Rocky baseball team pulled together to create an outstanding season by winning a conference title. Led by Head Coach Gary Bender the Rocks finished with a record of 22-9.

At the end of the season, the Rocks were seeded number one going into the Regional Championship. Although the Rocks had the fielding talent of former Rocks Zach Vroman and Tony Montz and seniors Steve Strickler, J.J. Tubbs, Jason Morelock, and Drake DeVore, they lost in the last game of the championship to cross town rival Moline.

The Rocks came into the season with the idea of winning on their minds. Even though they wanted to win, the Rocks lacked the senior leadership that they had from the previous year. Bender would have liked to go farther, but he is proud of the team for the work they've done. He said, "These kids work very hard and are extremely dedicated on and off season."

2. Senior David Doughty watches home in hopes that he will add points to the Rocks' score.

1. After calling the pitches, senior Drake DeVore is down and ready for every ball coming his way.

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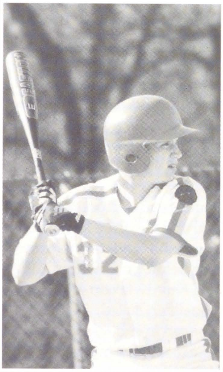
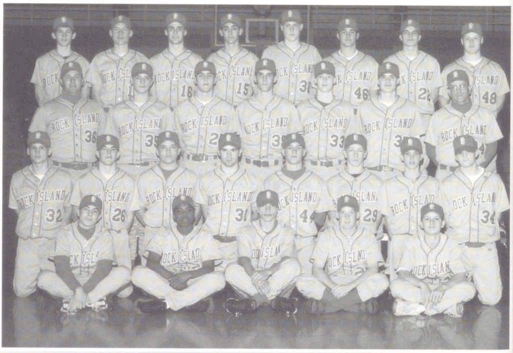


4. While waiting for a good pitch junior Justin Gibbs concentrates on the pitcher.



3. 1997 RIHS JV Baseball Team includes Front Row: Noah Frey, Dennis Lomas, Josh Giesler, Jimmy DeJonghe, Brad Hadley; Row Two: Justin Gibbs, Dan Morrison, Chad Kennelly, Mike Stahl, Andy Rockwell, Austin Guenter, Don Quackenbush, Nick Rodriguez; Row Three: Coach Andy Gray, Josh Mader, Adam Jacksen, Matt Hineman, Brady Wischnak, Dasen Hawk, Coach Mike Foley; Back Row: Jasen Coffman, Justin DeGeeter, Ben Cappaert, Tad Christensen, Brad DeVrieze, Chad Friel, Rick Vyncke, Jeff Jones.

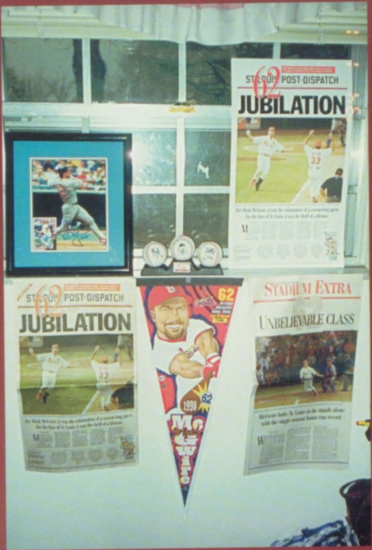
On Tuesday, September 8, 1998, Mark McGwire made national baseball history. He and Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs were in a race to get the most homeruns in a season. At the time, Roger Maris held the record of most homeruns (61) in a season for thirty-seven years. On that chilly evening at Busch Stadium, McGwire hit number 62 to break the record. Of the sixty-two homeruns he had hit, it ranked as the shortest yet at 341 feet.

"St. Louis baseball has needed someone like Mark McGwire for a long time. I think it's great what he's done for the area as well as the nation," senior Kristin Rehg commented.

"I think he is very good looking and is definitely St. Louis' #1 bachelor. He has made many uninterested women very interested in Cardinal baseball," junior Holly Hoffman said.

McGwire certainly gave not only St. Louis fans but baseball fans around the country something to remember.

✎ *senior Megan Suess*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Junior Emily Woods and her family collect Cardinal paraphernalia. On a wall in their home, they display limited edition newspapers signed by Tim Forneress and Mark McGwire along with limited edition Cardinal collectibles.

As senior Jay Lingelbach waits patiently for McGwire to hit, juniors Marcy Hock and Tiffany Richards show their spirit as Cardinal fans. McGwire hit #62 in this game.

STADIUM EXTRA
UNBELIEVABLE CLASS
McGwire hails St. Louis as he stands alone with the single-season home run record

Major McGwire fan David Williams, junior, enjoys one his special editions from the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Williams was in Busch Stadium when Big Mac hit his 62nd homer.

Outside the L building, sophomores Michelle Peterson, Betsy Seib, Jadah Green and Kristen Dronen show off their McGwire T-shirts. These items were a common sight during the summer of '98.

FRIENDLYFUN

Hangin' with friends is the greatest

Juniors Aaron Klemme, David Herrmann and Danny Mathus took a summer trip to Philmont Ranch. They hiked 145 miles, up to 12,000 feet above sea level, through the mountains of New Mexico.

At a company picnic sponsored by sophomore Jimmy Hodgkins' grandfather, Hodgkins is joined center stage by pals Aynsley Batson(left) and Tony Dori(right). The boys are trying to sing "Born to Be Wild."

In a January get-together at junior Jerad Kassebaum's house, friends stand and play or watch a game of foosball. Hangin' out at friends' houses is common on winter evenings.

Much of teenage life revolves around hanging out with friends. No matter what day of the week it is, students are always talking about the weekend. The topic could be the past weekend and what they did or the coming weekend and what they're going to do. The point is that by the end of the week, students are ready for a chance to sleep in, take a break, and hang out with friends.

Popular weekend hangouts include restaurants, friends' houses, school sporting events or the park. Senior Jada Davis commented, "I just enjoy being with my friends. We can have fun wherever we go." Students often meet at Advanced Auto Parts, Steak 'n Shake or McDonald's to figure out what to do with the rest of their night.

No matter where they are, teenagers always seem to have fun just hangin', and the weekend provides the best time to get together and find something to do. ✎ *senior Lindsay McMillin*

While the Marching Band was in Canada, they visited the Science Center. Juniors Trisha Eardley, Holly Hoffman, Courtney Erickson, Brian Hick and Bill Schoffner took a ride on the mock roller coaster.

On an annual trip to Colorado after Christmas, junior Jenny Brown skis with her younger sister Amanda, a seventh-grader at Signal Hill. This event is sponsored by their church, St. Matthew's.

A group of girlfriends poses for a picture at The Pasta House. They gather for an "all girls, no boys Valentine's Day dinner" just to socialize and enjoy being single.

Seniors Angie Blair and Ryan Renaud usually hang out on weekend's at Blair's uncle's house in Millstadt. They enjoy listening to music and playing pool.

ON THE MOVE

It's all about the pace

At a Sectional meet in Springfield, IL, junior Corry Edwards sophomore Bradley Scharf, freshman Brian Wild and sophomore Elliot Ptasnik warm up before the meet. The swimmers placed 4th out of 36 teams, 3rd in the 200 medley relay and 4th in the 200 free relay.

(photo courtesy of JUMP SHOTS)

In December of '98, senior Jesse Theobald ski dives at Archway Sky Diving Center in Vandalia,IL. Theobald enjoys the rush of fear created as he leaps from the plane.

For people with 4 x 4's, "Mudding" can be a wild experience. After mudding in Millstadt, juniors Robert Bruss (driver) and Bill Knobeloch return to Bruss' house for clean-up.

Although we have a variety of school-sponsored sports, many students choose to participate in sports outside school. West cannot facilitate these kinds of activities, so students must go elsewhere to find them.

By participating in sports outside school these teens have an opportunity to meet new people and experience new things. "It's fun to get out of Belleville and see different types of people," commented junior Alison Berens, who swims for Belleville West girls.

Archery is the activity that keeps senior Aaron Gipperich busy. "I've been competing in tournaments for about two years, but I started shooting when I was six. It's a constant challenge to push yourself to do better." ✎ *junior Jamie Mitchell*

In a league tournament in Peoria, IL, junior Becki Wegescheide attempts a bunt. She has been playing league softball for three years on a team called "Mirage."

At the Sectionals in Springfield, IL, sophomores Suzanne Souders and Erin Noble received fourth place medals after swimming in the 800 free style relay. Souders qualified in both of her events and advanced to State.

Racing a Sea Doo XP800, junior Justin Busch competes in World Finals at Lake Havasu City, AZ. Busch placed 11th in what he calls "the race of all races."

The Maroons hockey team celebrates after scoring a goal against Cahokia. They finished the regular season at .500 with a record of 10-10-2.

Junior Nicole Cook and East senior Ben Wiemer exchange flowers at Nicole's before going to Junior Kristin St. Ivany's house for pictures and out to dinner.

A Winter Night

Decorations dazzle dancers

It was starting to get late in the evening, and senior Paddy Bourn couldn't find date Carly Ferguson. He didn't want to waste the music so he grabbed junior Shanna Knepper.

Six couples met at senior Chris French's house before the dance. They had snacks there then went to the Shrine for dinner and arrived at the dance at 9 p.m.

The theme of the Christmas Dance, "Winter Dreams," easily could have turned into "Winter Nightmares." Junior Dan Strobo explained, "The icy weather had a big affect on the night because it made us change our dinner plans at the last minute to some place closer to school."

The evening allowed hundreds of students to dress up, get pictures with friends, go out to dinner and then to the dance. Using navy blue and white, Council members decorated the cafeteria, hallways, stairways and tables to dazzle students and set the mood as silver and white balloons drifted and swayed over their heads.

One change for the dance was that only 100 guest forms were available. At the last minute, however, those who did not get on the list were granted permission to bring their guests.

Another change was moving the position of the deejay to the side of the cafeteria where the snack bar is. Junior Nicole Cook said, "The layout of the dance floor was better because it was more spacious and allowed more room for more dancers." ✎ *junior Erin Darnell*

After the Winter Ball, juniors Allyson Berg and Billy Cassano met friends at Trish Lanxon's house. After posing in detective style, they changed into more relaxing attire.

Juniors Corry Edwards and Jill Politsch enjoyed the night, hardly sitting out a dance. After the dance, a group of friends went to Edwards' to spend the

A group of juniors and seniors gathered at Kristin St. Ivany's to take pictures. After pictures, they split up and went to dinner at various restaurants.

At Harry's East in Fairview, six couples wait to order dinner. They spent about an hour and a half at the restaurant before arriving at the dance around 8:30.

STYLIN'

Comfort and looks are the keys

Junior Dave Lanxon enjoys wearing cargo pants because they're loose and comfortable. Cargo pants are popular with both guys and girls.

Seniors Jada Davis, Sarah Panzau and Angie Dotson are all wearing fleece. Fleece is in because it is very soft and warm for the winter.

Senior Kyle Blaha shows off his piercing. Unusual piercings are a way to express individuality.

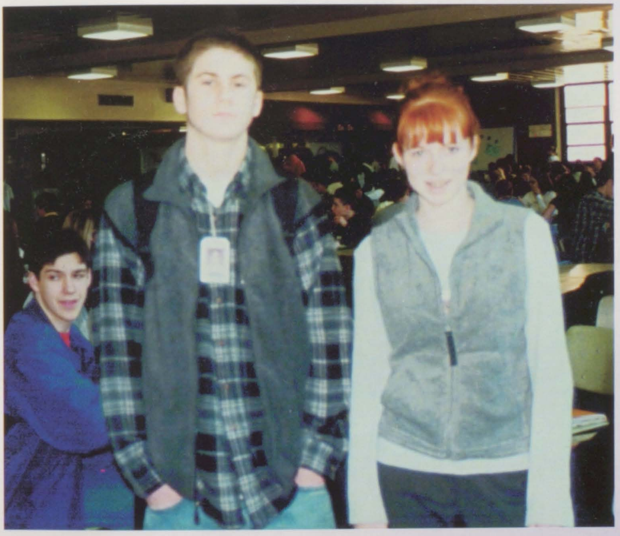
"Fash-ion" is "the prevailing style," according to Webster, but everyone has a different definition of fashion, whether it is a way to express individuality or conform to the laws of the "fashion police."

Many of the hot items include cargo pants, drawstring pants and fleece. Junior Dave Lanxon likes cargo pants because "they are big, baggy and comfortable." You can find such items and more at Old Navy, a popular store among teenagers. Other places to shop are Gap, Limited, Express, The Buckle, American Eagle, Abercrombie and J. Crew, just to name a few.

Body piercing is another growing trend among high schoolers. The majority of these piercings are located at the eyebrow, nose, navel or ear cartilage. For seniors who are 18, tattoos are becoming more common as well.

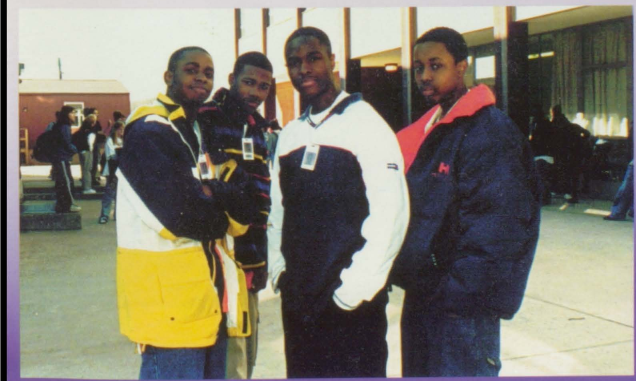
Favorite brands of shoes still include Doc Martens for guys and girls. According to senior Angie Dotson, "Doc Martens are expensive, but they are really comfortable and well worth the price." ✎ *senior Lindsay McMillin*

Hair extensions are becoming more common. Sophomore Shameika Branch says it takes about an hour to prepare, but she goes through the process once a month.



Vests are popular items available at places such as Gap stores and Old Navy. Freshmen Zach Johnston and Jennifer Hutchison wear vests because they're fashionable and warm.

Juniors Amber Pellman and Jill Politsch have their eyebrows pierced. Both said they "just like the look of it" and their parents approve.



Senior Jason Foster, junior Carloes Walker, senior William Clay and junior Justin Shumaker are wearing designer jackets. They like brands such as Hilfiger because "it looks good and is very comfortable."

PEOPLE

The people in this file are typical American teenagers, right out of the Midwest, but great differences exist in their appearances and personalities. In other words, they are individuals. They have different and unique talents, backgrounds, interests and goals. One element they have in common is they are growing and learning in the same environment. ✎ senior Kim Mourey, Senior section editor; senior Tara Hamann, Underclassmen editor

Sophomores rest after the Hobo Day Parade as they observe the annual tug-of-war contest.

Personal Profiles

Freshmen Dan Wiley, Zack Johnston, Sarah Mallard and Lisa Kadled hang out in the cafeteria. They are discussing work hours for the Sectional Contest Play.

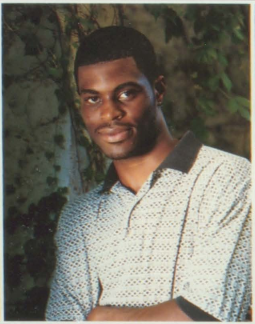
Seniors eagerly wait to enter Paramount's Wonderland Theme Park in Toronto, Canada. They performed earlier in the park with the Marching Maroons.

Juniors gather on the sidewalk in front of the L building to look at pictures. After lunch, students often have time to hang out.

SENIORS

Class of 1999

John Adams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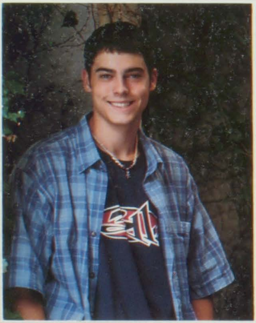
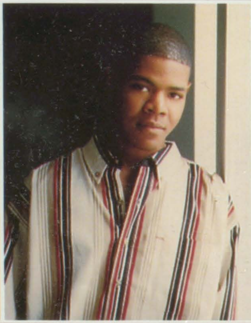

Kyle Anderson

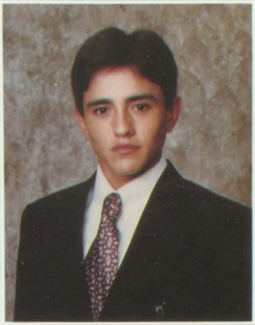
Paul Anderson - Soccer 1-4, Wrestling 1,2,4, Floats 1-4


Vernon Anderson

Amanda Anglin

Michael Artime - Debate 1-4 (Captain 4), NFL 1-4 (Treasurer 3, President 4), Volunteer West 3, Literary Club 4

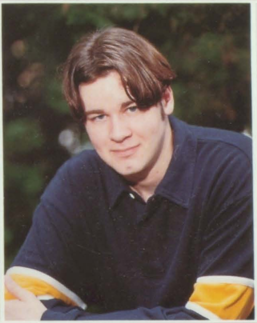
Jason Bachesta



Jason Baillargeon - NHS 3,4, *HyNews* 2,3,4 (Sports Editor, 4), Baseball 1-4, Wrestling 2,3,4, Symphonic Band 2,3,4, Marching Band 1-4, Math Team 1-4, Little Theatre 1,2, WYSE 4, Spanish Club 4

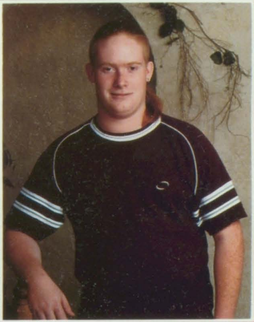
Kara Baldus - Jazz Band 2-4, Symphonic Band 2-4, Pep Band 1-4, Spring Musical 3-4, Marching Band 2-3, Spanish Club 2-4, Concert Band 1, Orchestra 4, Women's Chorus 1-2

Leslie Bangert - Debate 1-4, NFL 1-4 (Secretary 4), Marching Band 1-4, Orchestra 3,4, Pep Band 2

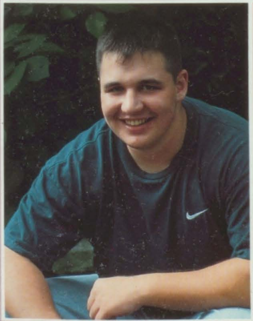


Todd Barham - Food Management 1,2

Jodi Ann Barnes - History Club 1-4, *Bellevinois* 2,3(Assistant Academics Editor 3), NHS 3,4, Floats 1, Ballroom Dancing Club 3



Justin Barts



Matthew Bassler - Football 1-4, Bass Chorus 1-4, Concert Choir 3-4, Maroon Majic 4

Michael Bates - Illinois Career Association

Michael Battle

Ryan Bauer - Illinois Career Association 4

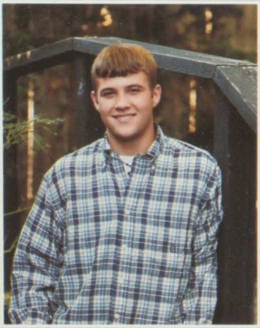
Thomas Bauer - Track 1-4, Rough Writers 4, Literary Club 4

Debralee P. Beck - Debate 1-4, Little Theatre 1-2, One Acts 1, Speech2,4, Lifesavers 4, Rough Writers 4

Kristina Becker - FBLA 4, Office Occupations 4, Orchestra 1-3

Bradley Jon Behrmann - *HyNews* 1-4(Features Ed. 3, Ed.-in- Chief 4), Marching Band 1-4(Drum Major 4), Maroon Magic 2,3,4, Model UN 1-4, History Club 1-4, French Club 1-4, Little Theatre 1-4, Jazz Band 3,4, NHS, Student Council(Vice President 1)

Kristy Lynn Bereitschaft - Softball 1-4, Volleyball 1-4, History Club 1-4, JFF Committee, Prom Committee, NHS 4, Spanish Club 4



Jeff Bergman

Adam Berman - Wrestling 3

Abe Bernardini - Football 1

Candice T. Betts - Lifesavers 2,3,4 (Scrapbook Chair 4), Rough Writers 3,4 NHS 3,4, Spanish Club 2,4, Multi-Cultural Club 3, Volunteer West 4

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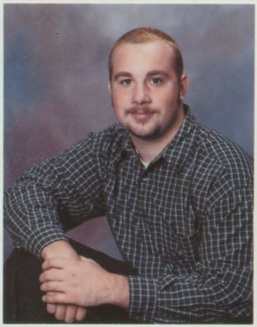
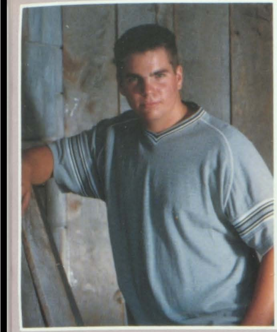


William J. Beyer Jr. - Football 1, Illinois Career Association 4, Baseball

Aleshiea Biddings - Frosh/Soph Women's Chorus 1, DECA 4

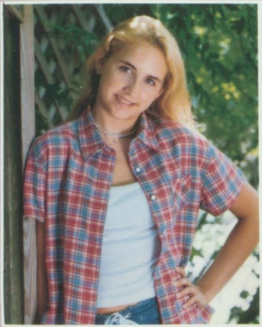


Joshua Biffar

Jacqueline Bilbrey - Jazz Band 2-4, Marching Band 1-2(Pit Captain 3-4), NHS 3-4, Symphonic Band 2(Section Leader 3-4), Spring Musical 3-4, Orchestra 1-2, Pep Band 1-4, French Club 1-4, Volunteer West 3-4

Carrie Bittle - DECA 4

Kyle Andrew Blaha - Symphonic Band 1-4, Jazz Band 1-4, Marching Band 1-4, Pep Band 1-4, Spring Musical 1-4, Stage Band 1-4, Maroon Majic 4, NHS 3,4, Lifesavers 4, Orchestra 2,3



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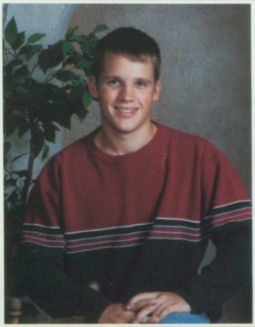


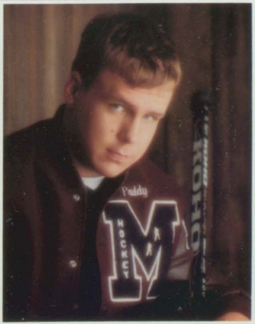
Ben Blanchet - Football 4

Laricia Nicole Blockum - Basketball 1-4 (Captain 4), NHS 3,4, Lifesavers 1-4, Bellevillettes 2, Frosh/Soph Women's Chorus 1,2

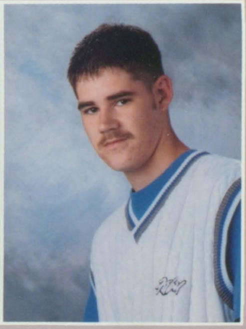
Mark Boland - Illinois Career Association 4

Tierra Boose - DECA 1-2, Illinios Career Association 3-4

Ryan Bosick



Patrick W. Bourn - *Bellevinois* 4, Floats 1, Football 1, JFF Committee 3, Volunteer West 3-4



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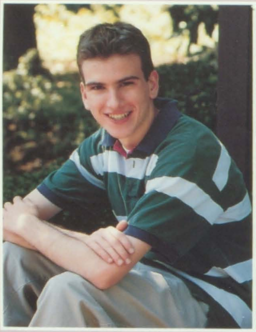


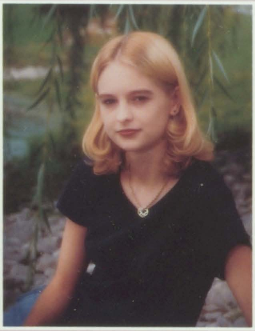
Michael T. Boyne II - History Club 1,2, 3(Officer),4(Treasurer), Volunteer West 1-4, Math Team 1-4, French Club 1, 3(Treasurer), 4, NHS 3-4, Senior Olympiad 1,3-4, WYSE 2-4, Soccer 1-2

Carrie D. Brady - Food Co-op 4, Food Management 4, Illinois Career Association 4

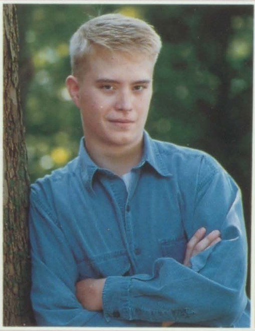
Nathan Brady - Marching Band 1-4, Little Theatre 2-4, Concert Choir 3, Symphonic Band 2-4, Maroon Majic 4, Thespians 3,4(Recording Secretary 4), Spring Musical 1-4, *Hy News* 2,3, NHS 3,4, WYSE 2,4

Amy Lynn Brawley - Children's Play 2, Little Theatre 2, Spanish Club 1-2, Volunteer West 1-2

Erin E. Brenner - Bellevillettes 2-3, Bowling Team 2, French Club 1-2, Women's Chorus 1-2



London Bridges - Floats 1-2, Illinois Career Association 4, Jobs for Illinois Graduates



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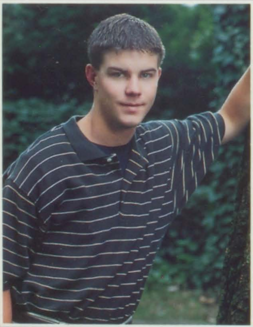
Karly Amber Brown - Bellevinois 2, Floats 2, Chorus 1

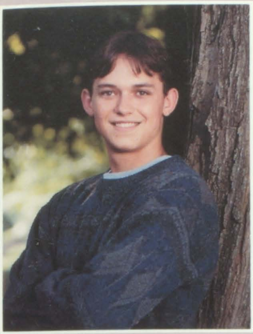


Matthew Ryan Brown - Floats 1-4, Football 1-3, Junior Achievement 3-4

Shelly Renee Bruehl - Illinois Career Association 4, Volunteer West 2, Treble Choir 1-2

La'Starr J. Buchanan - Bellevillettes 3, Chorus 1, Treble Choir 2

Amanda Bujnak - Bowling Team 3-4, Floats 1, Little Theatre 1-2, One-Acts 1, Spanish Club 1-4



Kenneth L. Burgess Jr.

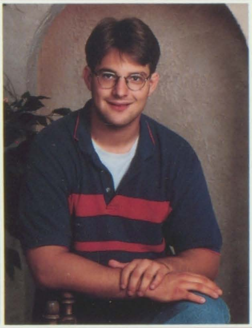
Alaina Burnett

Shira Eureesha Bush - Bellevillettes 2, Food Management 2,4(President), Women's Chorus 1, Lifesavers 1-4, Multi-Cultural Club 3, Sewing Club 2-4

Richard Lee Butler Jr. - Baseball 1-4, Football 1-3

Forrest Bynum - Bass Chorus 1-4

Nicole Calabra



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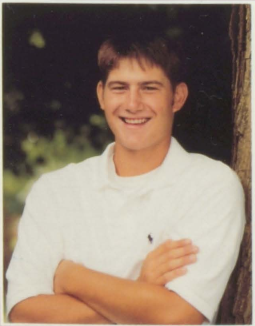
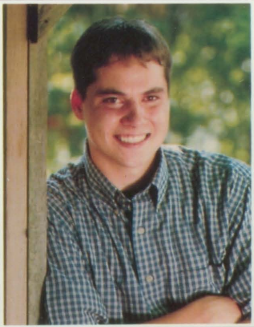


Paul Caravia - Basketball 1-2, Floats 1-4, Golf 1-4(Captain 4), JFF Committee, JFF Court, Prom Committee



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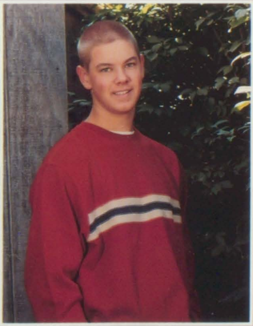
Tom Castello



Jonathan Catto

Cheri Causey - DECA(Historian 4)

Kathleen Chaffee

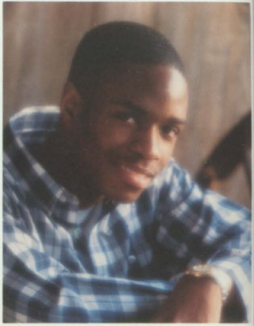
Sarah Grace Chaffee

Keli Chewning - Bellevillettes 2,4, Camp Success 1-4 (President 4), Color Guard 4, Women's Chorus 1-4

Andrea Clark

Hope Danielle Louise Stephens Clark - Bellevillettes 2, Women's Chorus 1-2, History Club 1-4, Lifesavers 1-4, Multi-Cultural Club 1, NHS 3-4, Spanish Club 1-2

Teika Clavell - Football (Manager,4), Lifesavers 1,2, One Acts 1,Volunteer West 1

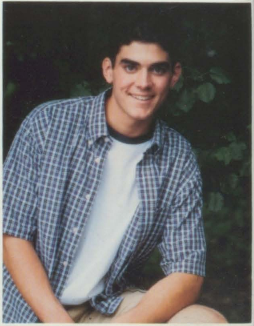


William G. Clay IV - Cross Country 1, Jazz Band 1-4, Track 1-4

Kina Claybourne

Carrie Closterman - Rough Writers 2-4, Concert Choir 3-4, Treble Choir 3-4, French Club 2-3, Floats 1-3, *HyNews* 2

Heather Cole - Bellevillettes 2-4, Treble Choir 2-4, FCA 1,2, Concert Band 1,2



Jake Colliflower - Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1, Football 1, Bass Chorus 1-2, Floats 3-4, JFF

Charles Conley

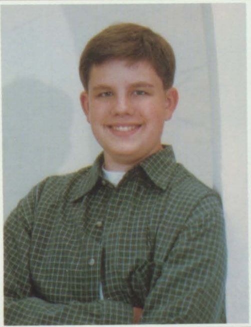
Kati Cook - Marching Band 1-4, Drum Captain 3-4, Pep Band 1-4, On-Line West 2-4, FTA 2, Symphonic Band 3-4, Orchestra 1-2, Concert Band 1-2, History Club 1-2, Women's Chorus 1

Rebecca Cornett - Marching Band 1-4 (Capt. 3-4), Spring Musical 1-4, NHS 3-4, Symphonic Band 2-4, French Club 2-4, Orchestra 1,2,4, Stage Band, Pep Band 1-4, Jazz Band 3, Concert Band 1

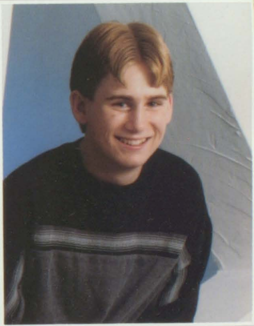
Christinia Aileen Crippes - Cross Country 1-4(Capt. 4), Track 1-4, Literary Club 4, Little Theatre 4, Debate 2

R. F. Michael Culbertson III - *HyNews* 3-4, Spring Musical 3-4, Children's Play 3-4, Rough Writers 3-4, Model UN 1-4, Little Theatre 3-4, Literary Club 4, Fall Play 4, Ballroom Dancing Club 3

Stephanie Cummings - Soccer 1-3, Little Theatre 1-4, French Club 1-4, NHS 3,4, Floats 1



Brad Cygan - Lifesavers,2,4, Bowling Team 2-3, Little Theatre 1-4, Thespian 4, Spring Musical 2-4, JFF, Floats 3, French Club 1-2, Fall Play 2-4, One Acts 1-4



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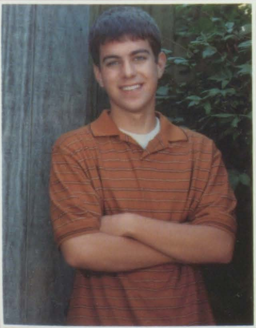
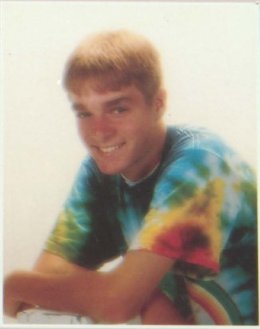


Kevin Darr - Floats 2,4, History Club 1, Hy News 3, NHS 3-4

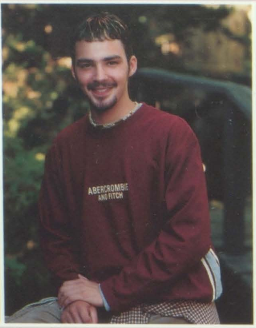
Renee Davinroy - Soccer 1-4, Student Council 1-4, NHS 3-4, Prom (Committee Co-Chair), Floats 1-4, JFF

Jada Lynn Davis - Volleyball 1-4 (Capt. 4), Student Council 1-4, Miss Maroon Court, JFF Court, JFF, Basketball 1-2, NHS 3-4, Prom (Committee Co-Chair), Volunteer West, Floats 1-4

Kimberly Kay Davis - Concert Band 1-2, FBLA 2, Floats 2, Women's Chorus 1-2, Lifesavers 1-2, Marching Band 1-3, Pep Band 1, Spanish Club 1, Symphonic Band 3



Michael A. Deihl - Soccer 1-4, Spanish Club 2, Floats 1-4



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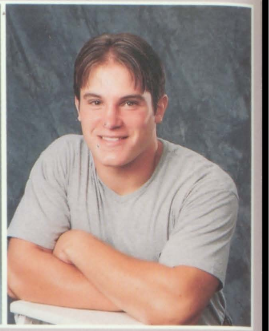


Casey Dial - Football 1-3(Captain 4)

REALITY CHECK

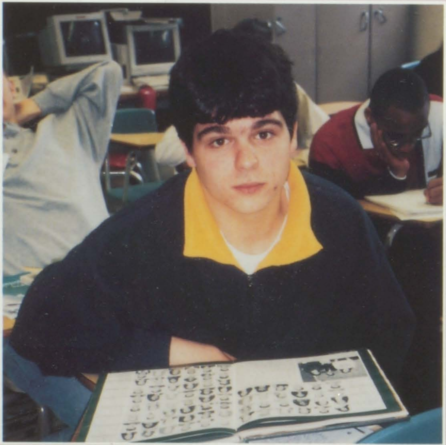
Senior stress creates temporary insanity

Every underclassman, at some point, says "I can't wait to be a senior." That six letter title, "SENIOR," does not mean, however, that life will be easy for the next year. In fact, senior year is probably the most stressful year of all. Senior Luke Mayer reflected, "I think the hardest thing about senior year is the constant college applications and other forms that need to be filled out."

From college applications piled on your floor to long trips to visit colleges of your choice to preparing for life on your own, homework and friends often get lost in the madness, a temporary insanity.

Facing reality seems to hit most seniors in March or April. They soon realize that their best friends and their bedroom at home are not things they will see on a daily basis.

Most seniors would agree that knowing they are almost finished, or "catching senioritis," makes class time long and homework seem irrelevant. Senior Cheri Causey summed it up best by saying, "The hardest thing about being a senior is knowing that the decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life." ✍ *senior Tara Hamann*



Senior Nate Joshu says, "Moving on, getting ready for the real world is pretty stressful." Joshu will be moving on to SIU-E and then U of I after he gets his basics.

Lacey Diesel - Model UN 1-4(Treas. 3, Pres. 4), History Club 1-4(Sec. 3-4), Spanish Club 1-4(Treas. 4), NHS 3-4, Math Team 1-4, Volunteer West 1-4, Science Olympiad 2,4, JFF (Committee Chair), Prom, Basketball 1

Christopher Dietrich - Soccer 1-4, Wrestling 3, Girls' Soccer Manager, Floats 1-4, JFF, Prom

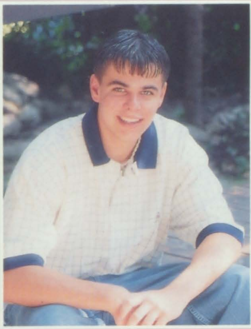
Angela Dissett - Concert Band 1,3, Symphonic Band 2-4

Christopher Dobbs

Sean M. DonCarlos - *HyNews* 1-4(Section Editor 3-4), Lifesavers 1-4(Retreat Chair 4), Math Team 1-4, WYSE 2-4, Track 1-2, Chess Club 1, Senior Olympiad 1-4, JFF

Angela Dotson

Jay Duco



Adam Duncan

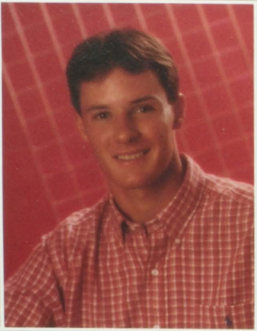
Allison Duncan - Little Theatre 1-4, Thespians 3-4, Hy News 1-4(Editor 3-4), Speech 2-4, Student Council 1-3, Symphonic Band 2-4, NHS 3-4, History Club 1-3

April Dycus

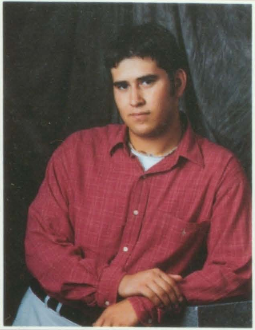
Cynthia Dycus

Sarah Christine Eckert - Bowling Team 3-4, Concert Band 1-2, Women's Chorus 1-2, Marching Band 1-3, Orchestra 3, Pep Band 1-3, Symphonic Band 3-4

Rebecca A. Lewis - Model UN 1-3, 4(V), NHS 3-4, Little Theatre 1-4, JFF Court, *HyNews* 1-3, 4(Features Ed.), Thespians 2-4, Camp Success 1-4, Concert Choir 2-3, History Club 1-4, *Bellevinois* 4, Fall Play 1-4, Rough Writers 1-4



Patrick Lillis - Cross Country 1-4, Track 2-4



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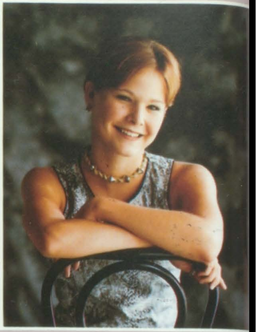


Emily Linnemann

WHERE'S *THE TIME?*

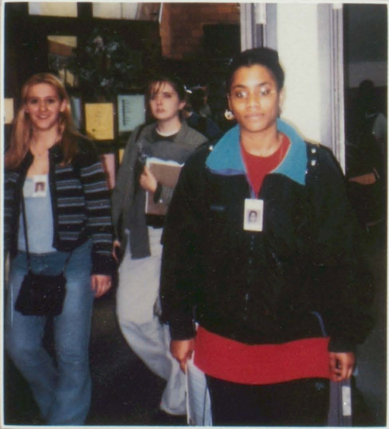
Get your priorities straight

High school is a busy four years for most students, a time when teenagers are required to prioritize their school work, co-curricular activities and jobs. On top of that, teachers and parents are always expecting more from students.

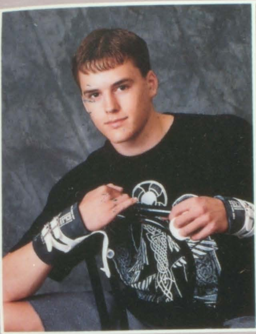
"Some teachers feel that they are the student's only teacher, and they don't take into account that students have four other academic classes and co-curricular activities," stated junior Kari Unverfehrt.

Each class has its own worries and stresses. For instance, the freshmen have to learn new study habits. "Even though Mr. Torigian gives us a lot of work, it helps us adapt to high school life," freshman Paxton Rogers said.

Seniors have a great amount of work to do in school as well as in preparation for college. "It's difficult to be involved in athletics and clubs in high school, but most colleges and scholarship foundations look for those who are involved and maintain good grades, not just those who make straight A's and do nothing in their school," explained senior Lacey Diesel. ✍ *senior Kim Mourey*



"I have no time. I get off work at midnight, go home, do homework, so I have no time for myself," explained senior Melonie Nieves. "Weekends, I catch up on rest."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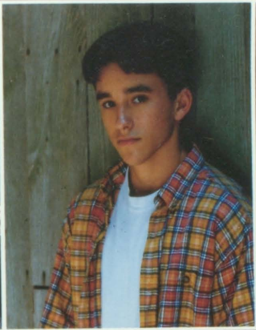
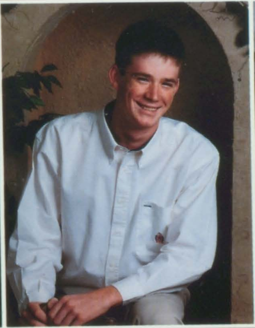

Daniel Joseph Lippert - Floats 1-4, JFF Committee 3, Prom Committee 3, Soccer 1-3, 4(Co-Captain), Spanish Club 3-4

J.R. Lockett - Bass Chorus 1-2, Children's Play 1, Concert Band 1, FBLA 1-2, Floats 1, FTA 1, Illinois Career Association 4, Multi-Cultural Club 3, Speech 1-3, Volunteer West 1-3, Spanish Club 2

Dustin Robert Loeffler - History Club 1-3, Model UN 1-2, Science Olympiad 1

Sara Jane Luu - Bellevillettes 3, DECA 4(Treasurer), FBLA 2, 3(Treasurer), 4(Treasurer), Women's Chorus 1-2, JFF Committee 3, NHS 3, Prom Committee 3, Track Manager 3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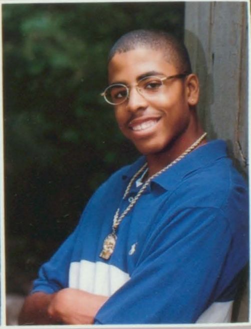
Edward Malone - Basketball 1-2, Football 1-4, Track 1-4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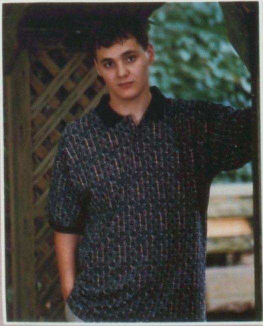
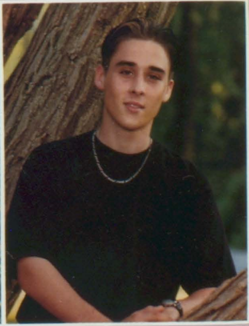

Michael Reed Markham - Bass Chorus 1-4, Concert Choir 3-4, Football 1-2, Spanish Club 1, Wrestling 1

Michele Markham

Andrew Martin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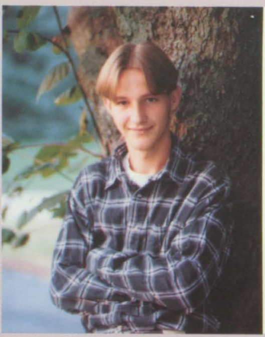
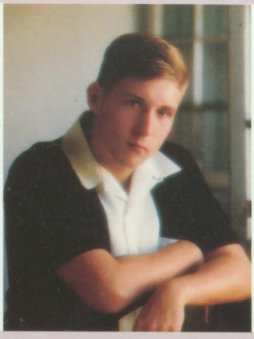


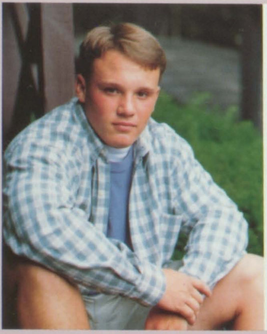
Matthew Martychenko

Andrew Matecki - Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-2, Cross Country 2-4, Floats 1-4, Football 1



Scott Edward Mattis - Bass Chorus 2-4, Concert Choir 2-4, NHS 3, Orchestra 1

Bill May - DECA 4

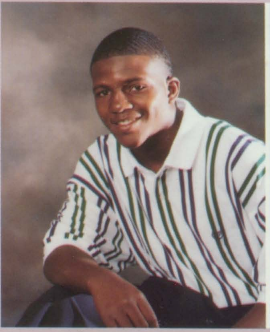


Lucas Mayer - Baseball 1, Floats, Football 1-3, 4(Tri-Captain), JFF Committee, JFF Court, Prom Committee, Student Council 3-4, Wrestling 1-2

Theresa L. MacNutt - Concert Band 1,4, Symphonic Band 2-4, Marching Band 1-4, Orchestra 2, Little Theatre 1-2, Pep Band 1-2,4, Volunteer West 2, French Club 2-3, Women's Chorus 1

Stacey McAnally - Ballroom Dancing 2-3, Color Guard 1-3,4(Co-captain), Maroon Majic 2-4, Model UN 1-2, NHS 3-4, Spanish Club 4, Youth Alive 3, 4(President)

Lisa McAtee

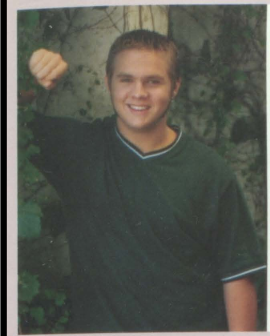


Curtis McCall - Football 1, Track 2

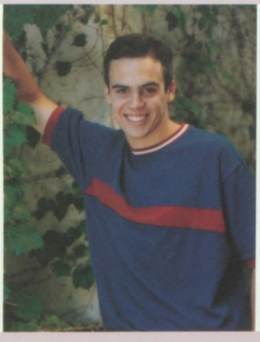
Leah Marissa McMackins - Floats 1, History Club 1-2, Little Theatre 1, NHS 3, One-Acts 1, Spanish Club 3

Lindsay Ann McMillin - Tennis 1-3,4(Co-Captain), *Bellevinois* 3,4(Editor-in-Chief), History Club 1-4, NHS 4, Prom Co-Chair 3, JFF Tri-Chair 3, Floats 1-3, Bellevillettes 3

Joni N. McNamee



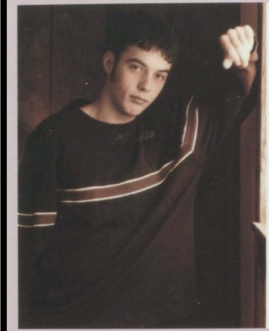
Pat McQuaid - Bass Chorus 1-2, Concert Band 1, Jazz Band 2-4, Pep Band 2-4, Symphonic Band 3-4



William James Mease - Student Council 3(Treas.), 4(Exec. Board Pres.). NHS 3-4, Jazz Band 3-4, JFF King 3, *Bellevinois* 3-4, Floats 1-4, French Club 3-4, Football 1, Marching Band 1-3

Dustin Mehrtens - Floats 3-4, Track 1-2

Heather Meinen



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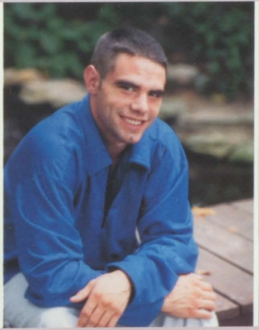
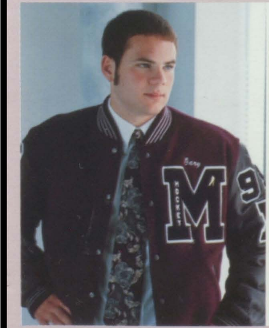


Bryan Mercille

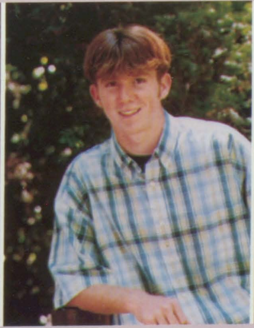
Dennis Mernick - FCA 1-4, Floats 1-4, Football 1-4, JFF Committee, JFF Court, Prom Committee, Student Council 3-4, Wrestling 1-2

Kevin Michael Meyer - NHS 4, Volunteer West 1-4



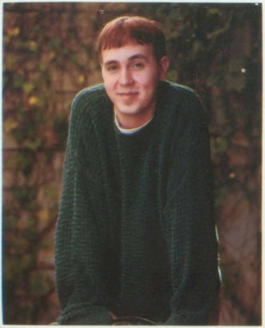
Gary Miller - Baseball 1-2

Stacy Miller



Ryan Mines

Benjamin Misselhorn



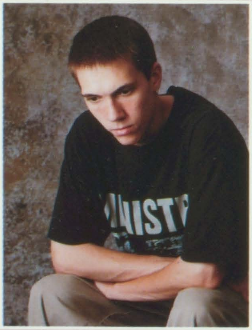
Aaron Mitzan

Jamalyn Moeller - Camp Success 1-4, Floats 1-4, Prom Committe Co-Chair 3, *HyNews* 3, JFF Committee 3, Lifesavers 1-4, Multi-Cultural Club 1-2, Concert Choir 2-3, *Bellevinois* 4, Spanish Club 1

Jacqueline Mojzis - Dance Team 2-3,4(Tri-Captain), *Bellevinois* 3, Prom Committee, JFF Committee, Color Guard 2, Women's Chorus 1, Marching Band 1, Pep Club 4, Floats 1-3,

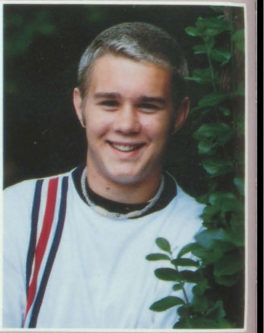
Anna Monroe - Food Management 4, Illinois Career Association 4

Michelle Moosman - Color Guard 2-4, Camp Success 1-4, German Club 4(Pres.), Little Theatre 1-3,4(Treas.), Lifesavers 2-4, Spring Musical 1-2,4, Volunteer West 2-4, Concert Band 1-2 Children's Play 1-4



Andrew Morisseau

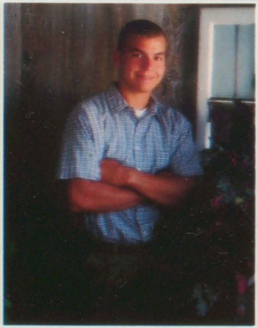
Molly Morris - Cheerleading 1-3, Floats 1-2, Lifesavers 2, Spanish Club 1



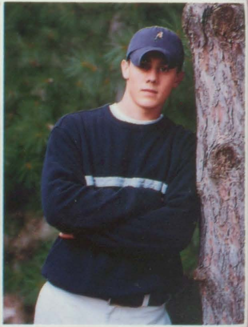
Seth B. Morris - Baseball 1, Floats 1-4, Lifesavers 1, Little Theatre 1, One-Acts 1, Soccer 1-4, Student Council 1-4, Track 2, Wrestling 1-2

Kelly Renee Mourey - Student Council 1-4(Class Secretary), NHS 3-4, Thespians 2-4(Pres.4), Pep Club 3(Treas.),4(Pres.), Dance Team 3-4, JFF Court, Little Theatre 1-4, O.M. 2-4, Marching Band 1-4, Prom (Dance Floor)

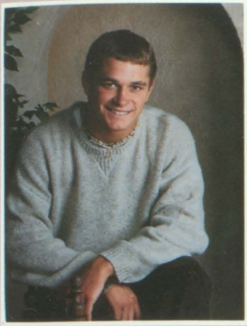
Kimberly Dawn Mourey - Dance Team 2-3,4(Tri-Captain), NHS 3(Pres.),4, Student Council 1,2(Pres.),4, *Bellevinois* 2-4(Sr. Editor), JFF Court, Little Theatre 1-4, Thespians 2-4 (Sec.4), O.M. 2-4, Marching Band 1-4, Renaissance Committee 1-4, Prom Co-Chairperson



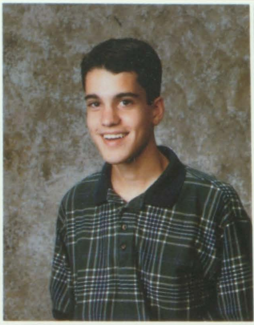
Lennon Mueller



Rodney Aaron Mueller - Baseball 1-2, Floats 1, French Club1-2, *HyNews* 4, Lifesavers 4, Track 4



Patrick Murphey - Floats 1-4, Football 1, JFF Committee, Soccer 2-3, Wrestling 1



David Murrell - Concert Band 1-2, History Club 1-4, Jazz Band 3-4, Marching Band 2-3, NHS 3-4, WYSE 4

Angela Musial - *Bellevinois* 4, FCA 3-4, Floats 1-4, History Club 1-4, JFF Committee, NHS 4, Prom Committee, Softball 1-4, Volunteer West 4

Daniel Nesbit

FUTURE YEARS

What lies ahead for seniors?

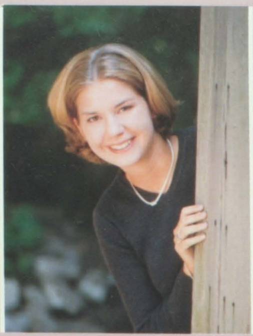
Of 211 seniors who returned surveys, with over 500 members in the class of '99, they indicated the following choices for their future.

4-year college or university	50%
Junior college/trade school	24%
Vocational	3%
ROTC/Military	13%
Full-time employment	2%
Undecided	8%

Results tabulated by *senior Kim Mourey*

Senior Allison Duncan is planning to attend a school on the East coast. Her first choice is Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where she will major in psychology.

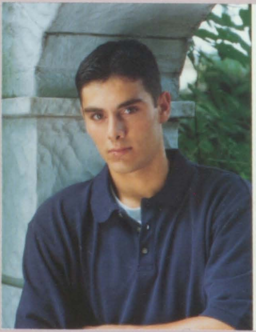
Sherry Lyan Neuner



Colleen Newman - Student Council 2-3,4(Rec. Sec.), Model UN 1-4, Spanish Club 3-4, JFF Committee, Prom Commmittee, Little Theatre 1, One-Acts 1, Concert band 1, Women's Chorus 1, Floats 1-4

Daniel Nicks - Floats 1-2, Football 1-3, Track 3, Wrestling 1

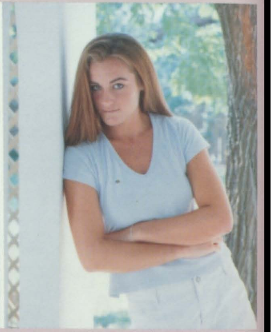
Julie Noonan - FBLA 4, Floats 1, Office Occupations 4, One-Acts 1, Spanish Club 3



Neal O'Donnell - Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Floats 1-4, NHS 4

Stephanie Oawster - Bowling Team 2, Food Management 4, One-Acts 2, Volunteer West 2-4

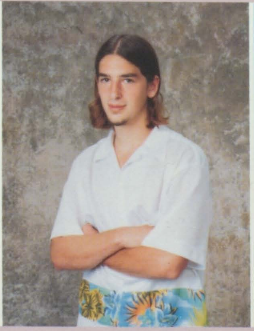
Jennafer Denise Ousley - Basketball 1-3, Concert Band 1-3, NHS 4, Softball 1, Track 1, Volleyball 1



Nicole Marie Panzau- Floats 1, Basketball 1, JFF Committee, NHS 4, Volleyball 1-4

Sarah Panzau

George R. Pappas Jr. - Chess Club 3-4, Illinois Career Association 4



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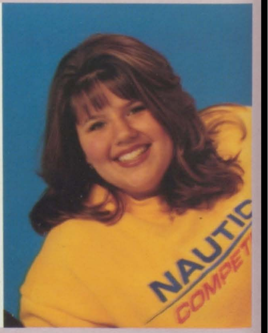
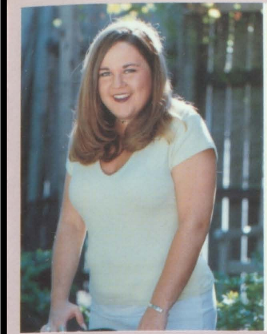


Jennifer Pfeil - Floats 1-3, Illinois Career Association 4, JFF Committee



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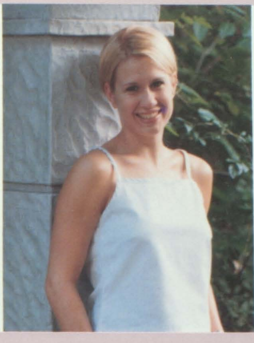
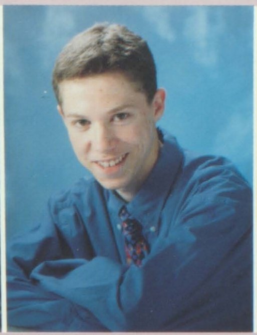
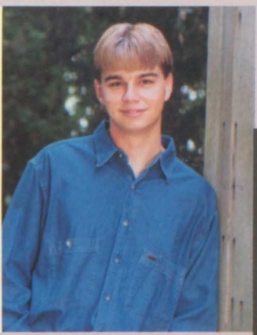


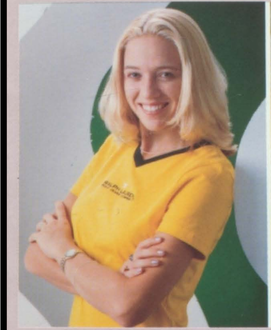
Abbey Pierce - Basketball 1-3, Floats 1-4, JFF Committee, NHS 3-4, Prom Committee, Softball1-2, Student Council 1-3,4(Treasurer), Volleyball 1-2



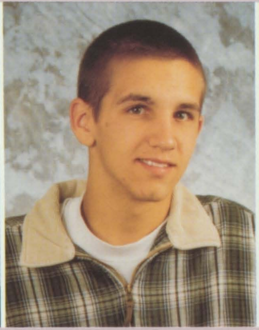
Nicholas John Charles Pistor - Concert Band 1-3, Floats 1-3, *HyNews* 3, Little Theatre 2-4, Marching Band 2-3, Model UN 2-3, One-Acts 2



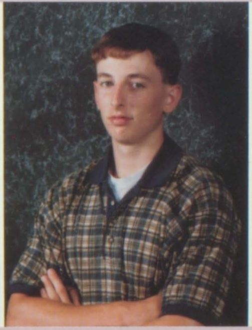
Marc Presson



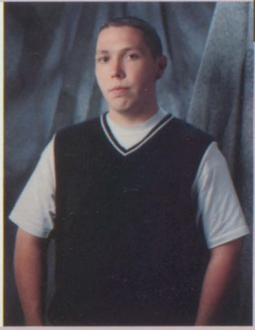
Jamie Lee Quirin - Basketball 1-2, Floats 1-4, JFF Committee, NHS 3-4, Prom Committee, Student Council 2, Volleyball 1-4



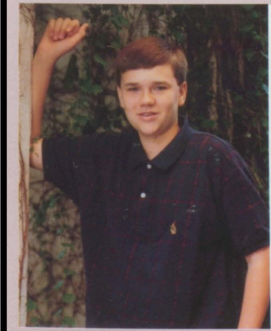
Brian Radford - Wrestking 1-4



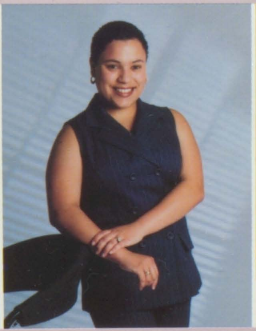
Stephan Rakers



John Randall - Concert Band 1-2, Orchestra 4, Symphonic Bamd 3



Nick Randell - Bass Chorus 2-4, Concert Choir 2-4, NHS 3-4, Tennis 1-3



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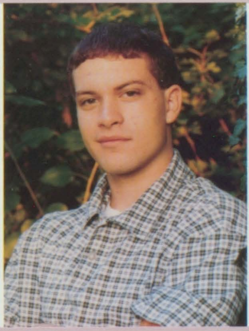
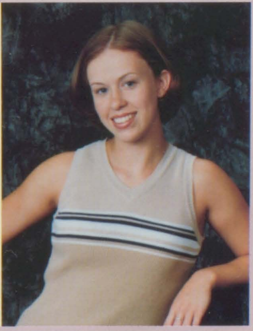
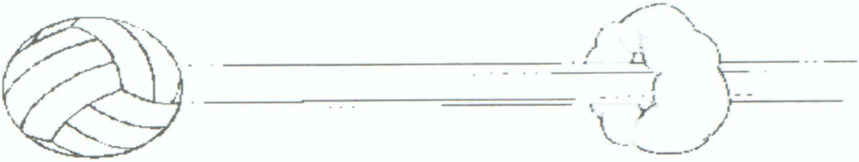


Jordan Reeb



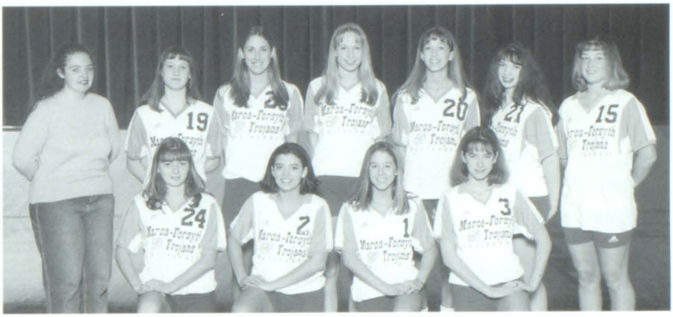
Kristen Jenelle Rehg - Soccer 1-4, *HyNews* 2-3,4(News Editor), Spanish Club 3,4(Vice Pres.), Concert Choir 2-4, Little Theatre 1-4, WYSE 3-4, History Club 1-4, NHS 3-4, Floats 1-4



Schroeder made Honorable Mention. Katie also won First Team All-Conference honors and Courtney finished Second Team All-Conference.

The seniors will miss Kreps and the rest of the squad, along with target practice, Courtney falling down repeatedly, and spandex. Early mornings, bagels, jump training, carpet, and rumors were also key ingredients in our season. Good luck next year everyone, and keep the traditions alive.

Courtney & Katie



BACK ROW- Heather Whicker, Ashleigh Butler, Leslie Adamczyk, Kristin Dougherty, Ashley Leggett, Kristy Eppolito, Lindsey McCool FRONT ROW- Cassidy Blundy, Christa Mosser, Ali Doolin, Lindsay Mills

KRISTIN DOUGHERTY with a spike.

LINDSEY McCOOL tries to save it.

ASHLEY LEGGETT attempts a spike.

ALI DOOLIN is up for a block.

LESLIE ADAMCZYK is in the air for a spike.

GOLF

The J.V. Boys Golf Team finished with a 10-0 record. They also won the Blue Ridge J.V. Golf Invitational.

Row 1 D. Burke, T. Morgan, S. Kaufman, B. Brumett Row 2 B. Stanley, J. Perry, L. Anderson, M. Zimmerman, A. Hamilton.

T. Morgan.

This was the first year for a girls' golf team at Maroa-Forsyth H.S. the Varsity girls posted a 10-2 record. The girls placed 2nd in the Hawk Scramble and in the Regionals advancing as a team to the Sectional Golf tournament.

H. Dale, S. Karr, S. Korte, J. Bailey.

1994 FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL sold 57,000 tickets, beating out FORREST GUMP and ALADDIN.

Mr. Dale, J. Patridge, M. Grawboski, L. Grider, S. Thompson, M. Todd, B. Brumett, J. Spinner, Mr. Cluver.

Maroa-Forsyth Varsity Boys made school history this year by setting a new record for most wins in a season. The team set a record of 27-2 and by winning the first boys' golf regional for Maroa-Forsyth. The Trojans missed going to the State Golf finals by 1 stroke, placing 5th in the Sectional Golf Tourney at Gibson City. Mark Grabowski advanced as an individual in the State Golf Tournament, placing 38th overall.

Overall this was a very successful year for the Golf team of M-F H.S. The future is looking very bright for the Golf team of M-F H.S.

M. Todd.

SOCCER ‘98 - ‘99

Number 32, K. Stone

This is Maroa-Forsyth’s second year co-opting with Arenta-Oreana. This year the team had four wins out of twenty games. Our Senior players Kelly Adamczyk and Kyle Stone have been on the Soccer team since we started co-opting. The players hope in future years the co-opting between the two schools will continue.

Scouting the ball is number 28
K. Adamczyk

1st Row : S. Turneus, G. Orden, E. Brinkman, K. Hierrala, M. Stevens, K. Adamczyk, L. Clark, J. Livingston, R. Colbert. 2nd Row: E. Weatherford, A. Weatherford, J. Petrello, A. Klein, N. Clark, B. Sharron, B. Grider, A. Ford, M. Kwasnik, P. Connely, 3rd Row: Coach D. Morton, B. Stewart, J. Burnett, B. Ford, D. Brown, M. Schwarz, C. Lewis, K. Stone, W. Schwitzer, J. Morrison, P. Ryan, I. Stoddard.

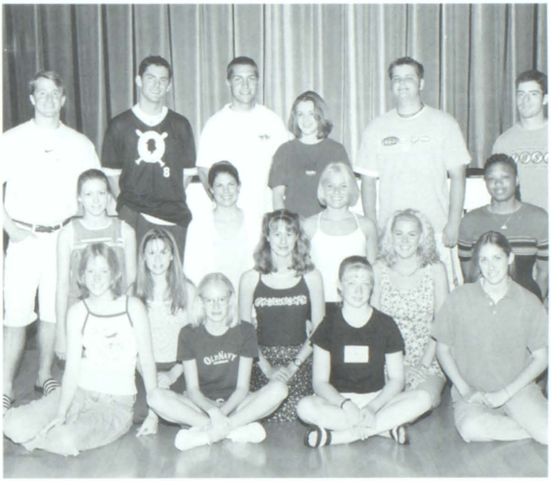
1996--Fifty years earlier the Bikini was invented by designer Louis Reard.

Jennifer Sarna clears the hurdles.

Track

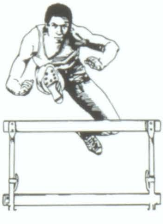
Rachel Balagna going for a win.

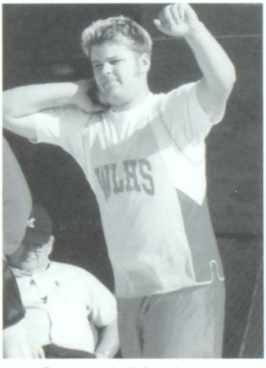
Charrmaine Rogers sprints to the finish line.



First row: A. Krumtinger, E. Empie, J. Sarna, and L. Adamczyk. Second row: S. Kissinger, A. Edwards, T. Bakunowicz. Third row: M. Beck, R. Balagna, C. Rogers. Fourth row: D. Newland, J. Nagle, S. Thompson, M. Mosely, R. Austin, and D. Ollesch.

Elizabeth Empie running strong.





Ryan Austin doing shot put.

Becky Jacobsen ready for the race.

Varsity

Josh Swift

The 1998-99 boys' basketball was a season of repeat performances. The boys' once again won the Macon County tournament, repeated as Okaw Valley champions, and won their second regional title. The team finished the season with a record of 18-11.

Senior Michael Wisman gained 1st team all tournament team recognition at the Williamsville Christmas Tournament. Teammates David Morris, Phillip Abernathy, and Blake Grider earned 2nd team all Okaw Conference honors and teammate Joshua Swift earned 1st team all Okaw Conference honors.

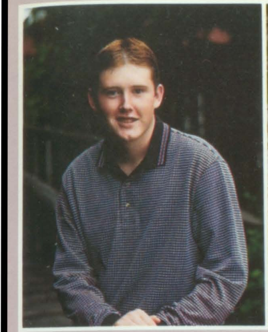
Joshua finished the season as the Trojans' leading rebounder and was also voted co-winner of the Dana Dale Trojan Pride award along with Phillip Abernathy. Phillip was also the teams field goal percentage leader at 56.1%. Chris Evans was voted the teams best defensive player and was the team's leader in assists with 77 for the year. Sophomore Blake Grider lead the team in free throw percentage at 74.7%.

Mike Wisman

Row 1: A. Hamliton, S. Hans, C. Evans, Row 2: J. Swiftm, M. Grabowski, B. Grider, C. Taylor, T. Morgan, D. Morris, Row 3: W. Moore, M. Wisman, P. Abernathy, S. Stone, L. Grider.

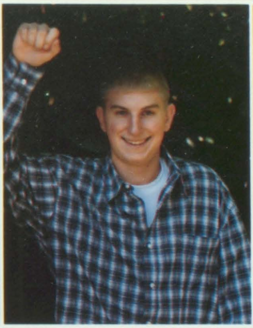
David Morris

1998: The Chicago Bulls won their 6th NBA Championship.



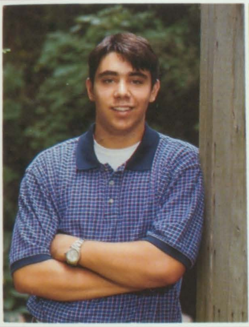
Michael Smothers

Jim Snodgrass - Golf 1-4, Tech Club 3-4, Baseball 2



Blake Sobieralski

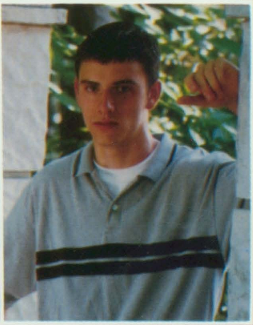
Aimee Sodam - Concert Band 2, Concert Choir 3-4, Orchestra 1, Treble Choir 2-4



Zachary J. St. Ivany - Bass Chorus 2-3, Model UN 1-4

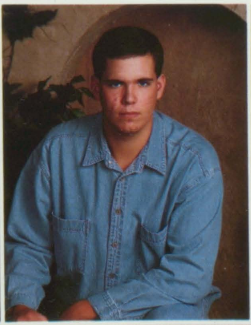
Gena R. Stack - O.M. 2-4, History Club 1-3,4(Rec. Sec.), Math Team 2-4, Little Theatre 1-4, NHS 3-4, Senior Olympiad 3, Science Olympiad 4, Children's Play 2-4, Women's Chorus 2, Prom

Kendra Stephens - Concert Choir 4, Bellevillettes 3, Treble Choir 2-4, Freshman Choir 1



Brian Stoops

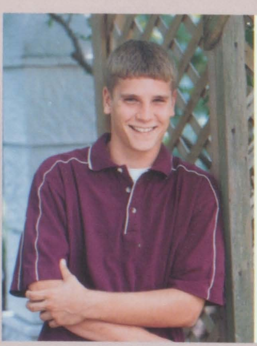
Matthew Stovey - Jazz Band 3-4, Marching Band 1-3,4(Sec. Leader), Maroon Majic 4, Symphonic Band 2-4, Spring Musical 3-4, *HyNews* 3,4(Photo Ed.), Concert Choir 2-3, Science Olympiad 2-4, History Club 1-4, Model UN 1-2, Literary Club 4, Ballroom Dancing 2-3



Daniel Strumberg - Bowling Team 2-4 (Captain 4)

Megan Kathryn Suess - Tennis 1-4, *HyNews* 2-3,4(Asst. Sports Ed.), NHS 3-4, French Club 1-4, History Club 1-4, Little Theatre 1-4, *Bellevinois* 4, Concert Choir 2,4, JFF Committee, Prom Committee

Maureen Sullivan - Lifesavers 1-2, Volunteer West 2, Spanish Club 1-2, Little Theatre 1, Office Occupations 2, JFF Committee, Prom Committee, Floats 1-4



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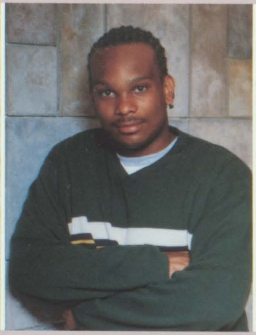

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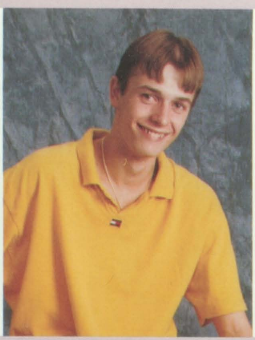

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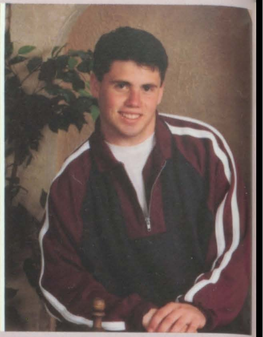
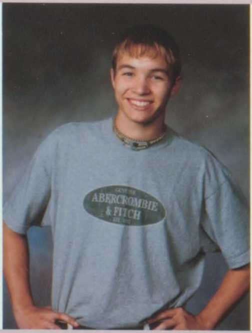
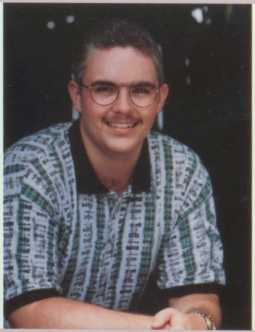


Jesse Theobald - Wrestling 1-4, Symphonic 4, Marching Band 1-4, Orchestra 3-4, Concert Band 1-2, FCA 3

Kelly Thomas - Concert Choir 1-2, FBLA 3-4, Women's Chorus 1, FTA 4, Marching Band 1-3, Orchestra 2-4, Pep Band 2, Symphonic Band



Joe Thompson - Cross Country 1-2, Floats 1-3, Track 1, Wrestling 1-2

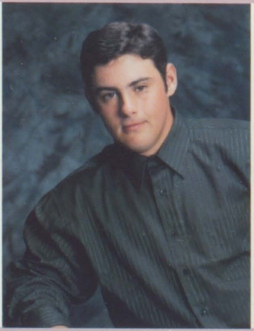


Justin Thompson

Candi Thurston - Food Management 1-4, Sewing Club 2-4

Andrew Todd

Karen Tolson



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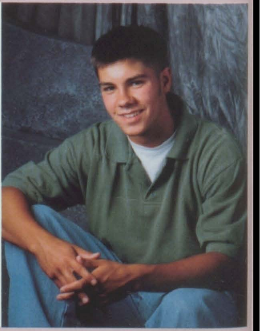

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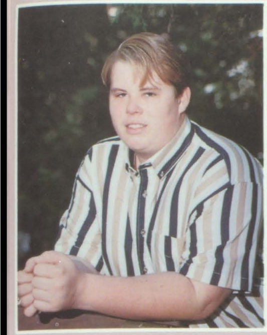

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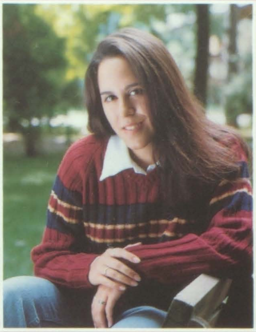
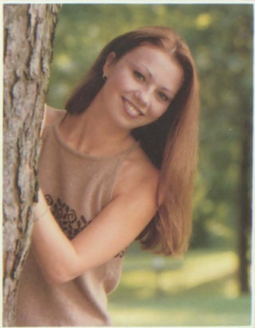


Genevieve R. Vasquez - Spanish Club 3,4(Pres.), Student Council 4(Chaplain), NHS 4, JFF Gong Show Hostess, Prom Committee, Floats 2-4, Concert Choir 3-4, Bellevillettes 3, Cross Country 2, Track 1

Jennifer Lynn Vymola - Bellevillettes 3-4, Concert Choir 4, Women's Chorus 1-2, FTA 2



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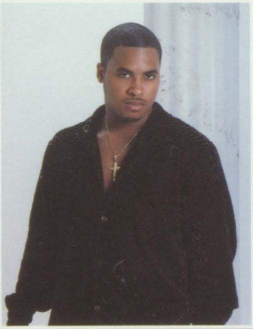
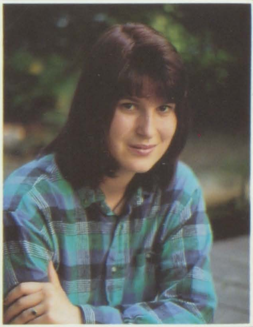


Karl Ware

Chrissy Webb - Bellevillettes 1-2, Camp Success 1-3, Women's Chorus 1-2



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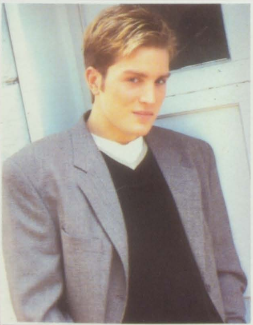
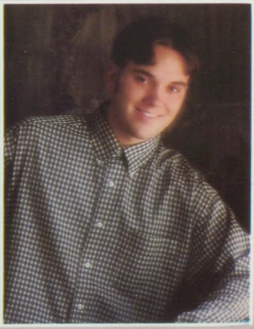


Tanner Lee Weis - Basketball 1-2, Football 1

Jill Christine Welker - History Club 1-2,3(Treas.),4(Vice Pres.), Little Theatre 1-4, Thespians 3,4(Vice Pres.), Symphonic Band 2-4, Speech 2-4, NHS 3-4, French Club 1-2, Ballroom Dancing 2-3, Model UN 1, Literary Club 4

Casey Alanna Wendling - Bellevinois 4, Color Guard 2-3, French Club 1-2, Floats 1-4, JFF Committee, Prom Committee, Shields 1



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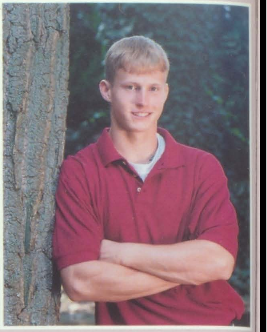
Laura Wheat

Amber Jean Wheeler - Cheerleading 2-3, FBLA 4, Lifesavers 1-2, Office Occupations 4, Spanish Club 1-2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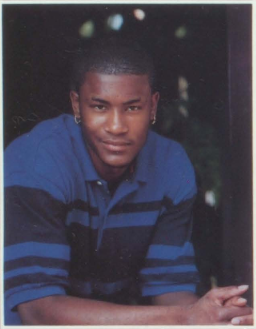
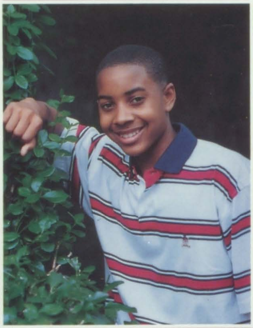

Curtis Williams

Jennifer Lynn Williams - NHS 4, Bowling Team 2-4, Color Guard 2-3, JFF Committee, Floats 1


Aaron Wilson

Jenny Wilson - Ballroom Dancing 2, Bellevillettes 2-3, Color Guard 3-4, Concert Choir 4, DECA 4, FBLA 4, Women's Chorus 1-2, JFF Committee, One-Acts 1, Prom Committee, Volunteer West 1

Brian Winters Jr. - Mr. Maroon, Wrestling 1-4, Maroon Majic 3-4, Bass Chorus 2-4, Lifesavers 1-4, Camp Success 3,4(Treas.), FCA

Laura Wisdom

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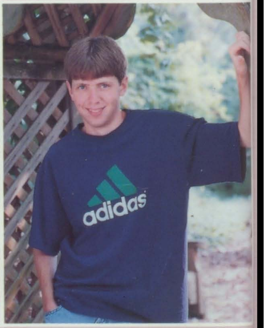
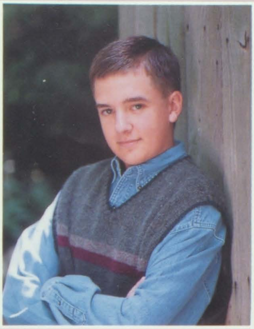
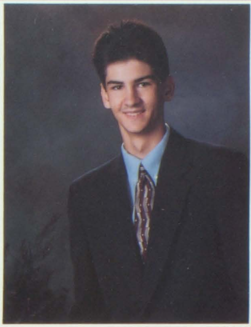

Jeff Wolfbrandt - Marching Band 1-4, Bass Chorus 2-3, Concert Band 1-3

Eric Wolfmeier - Floats 2-4, Wrestling 1-2

Fritz Worley



Shawn Woy - Math Team 1-4, History Club 1-4, NHS 3, Science Olympiad 4, WYSE 4, Wrestling 1



Donald Wayne Wright Jr. - Bowling Team 2-4, Little Theatre 1, Chess Club 3

Lindsay M. Wuller - Bellevillettes 2-3, DECA 4, Equestrian Club 2(Secretary), 3(President),4(Vice President), FBLA 3, Floats 3

Beth Christine Yagge - Softball 1-3,4(Co-Captain), NHS 3,4(Treasurer), Renaissance Committee 3-4, History Club 1-4, Volleyball 1-3, Math Team 1-4, FCA 4, Prom, JFF, Volunteer West 1-2

Sara Yearian - Cheerleading 1-2, Floats 1-2, JFF Committee, Prom Committee 3

Ronald Young

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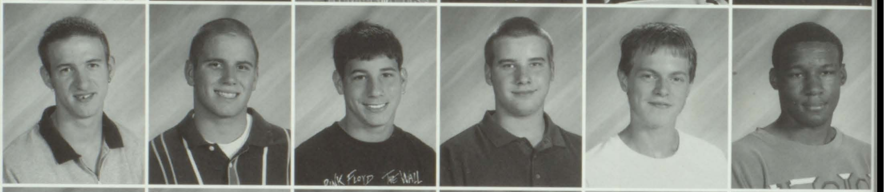

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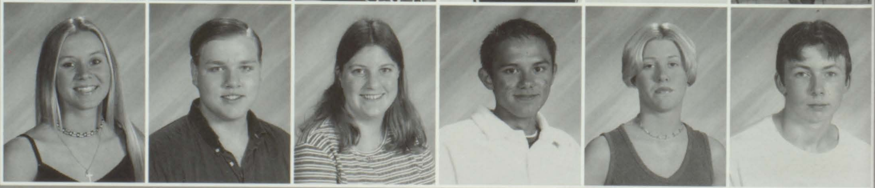

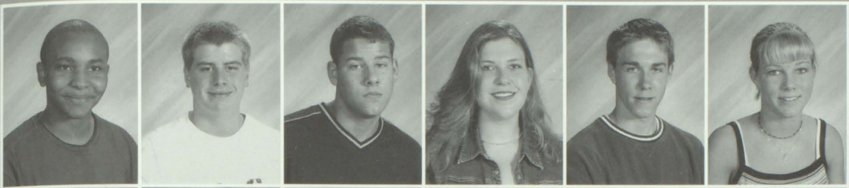

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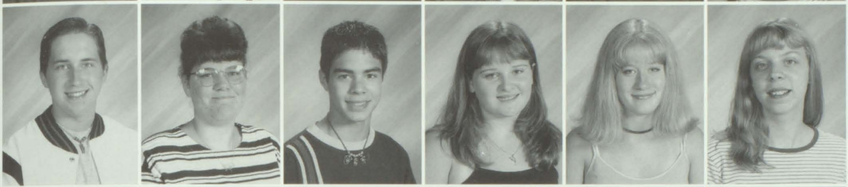

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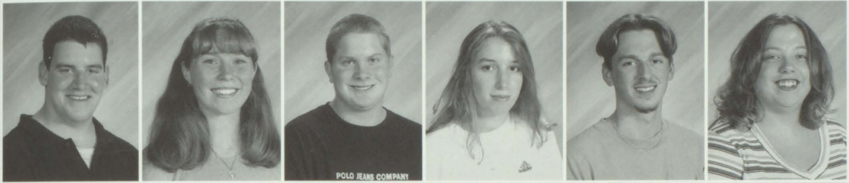

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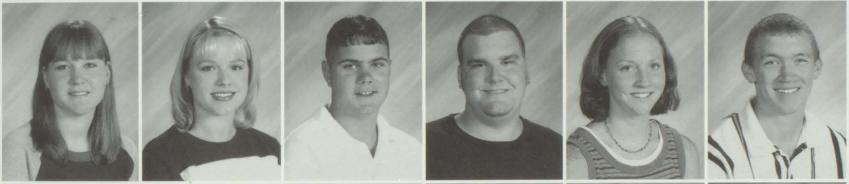

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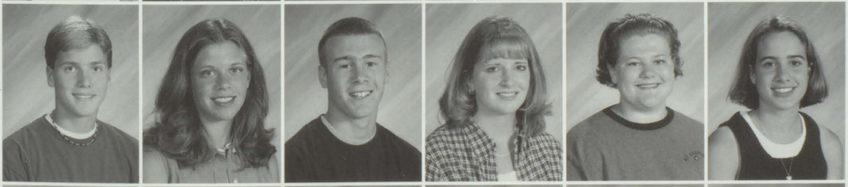

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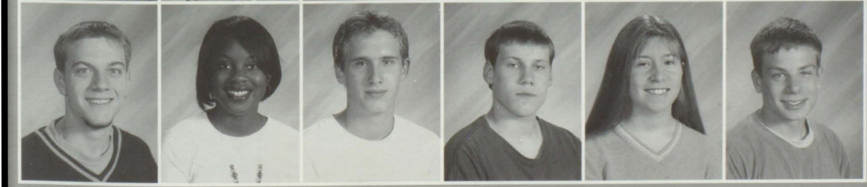

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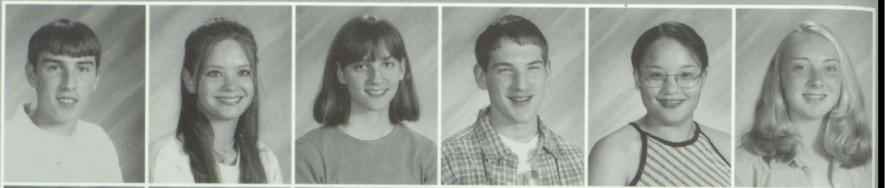

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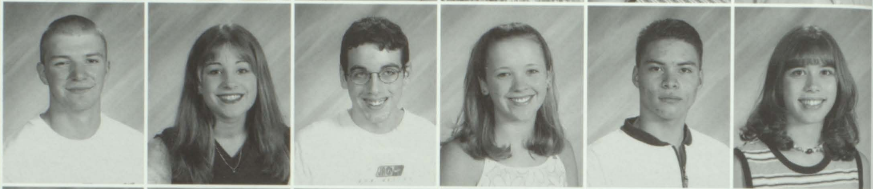

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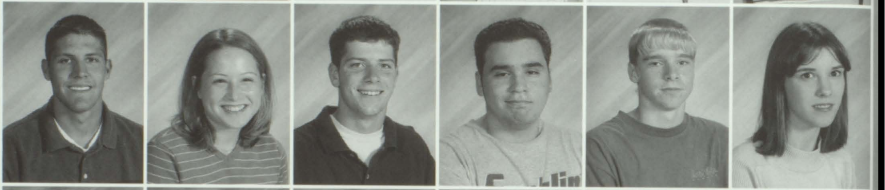

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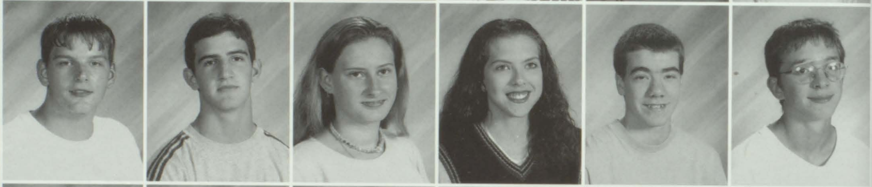

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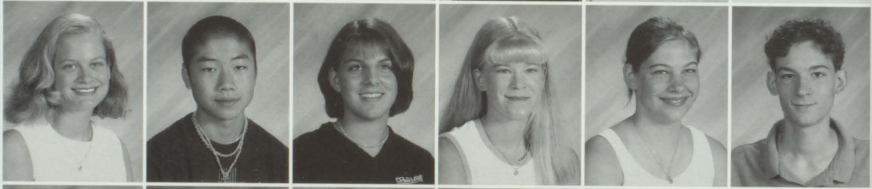

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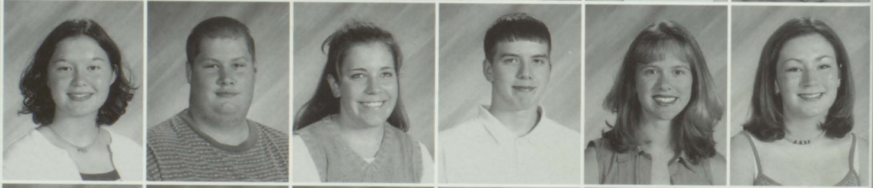

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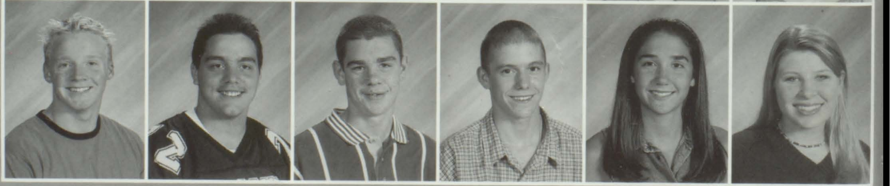

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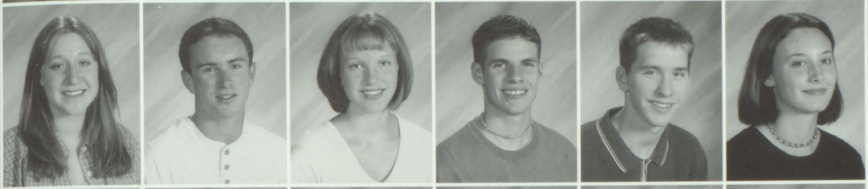

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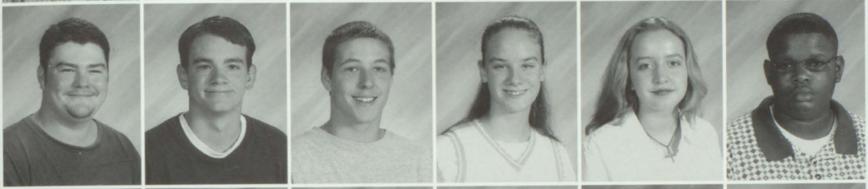

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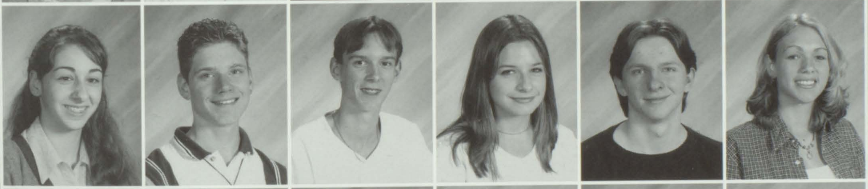

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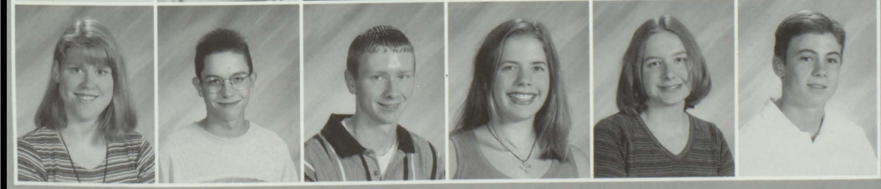

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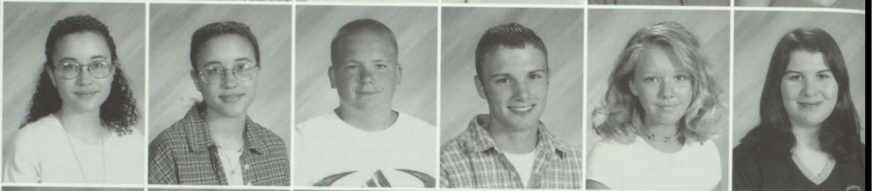

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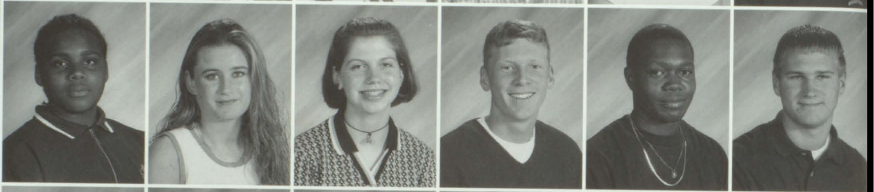

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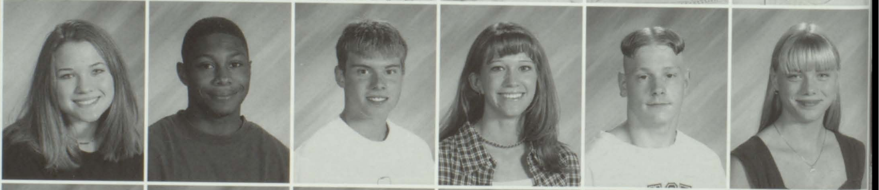

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MILLENIUM ANXIETY

Juniors share thoughts on year 2000

December 31, 1999, the event of a lifetime. Where "to be or not to be" on this momentous occasion is the question. With all the media hype on Y2K, the millenium bug which threatens to exterminate every computer in the universe, and talk about the millenium curse, which is expected to destroy the universe as we know it, what's an optimistic, funloving teenager to do? Some thoughts of where not to be at the stroke of midnight....

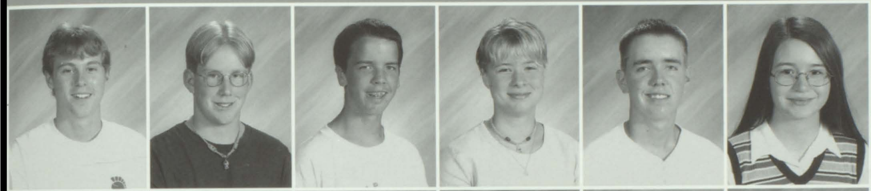
"...in a hospital, being kept alive by computer-run machines."- David Hermann

"...on an airplane, 35,000 feet above the ground."- Ryan Castello

"The absolute scariest place would be an elevator. I would be afraid it would stop between floors and I wouldn't be able to get off."- Courtney Erickson

"I don't know about the worst place, but the best place would be in an electric chair right before my execution when the power company's computers shut down, electricity would not be generated."- Sabrina Noble

✍ *junior Erin Darnell*



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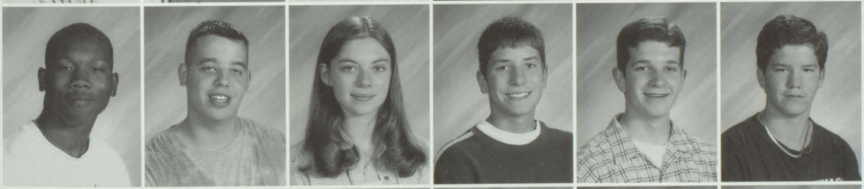

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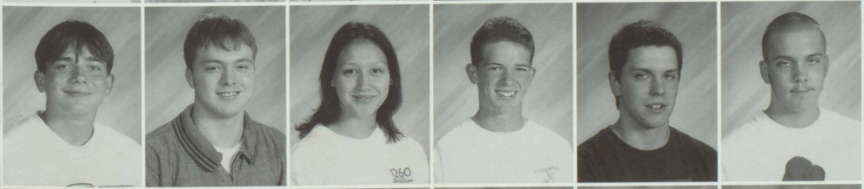

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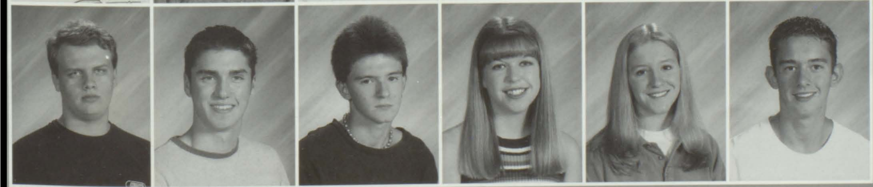

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JUNIOR SPIRIT

Class of 2000 dominates in competition

At the Hobo Day assembly, the juniors continued their winning streak by taking the Arm Wrestling Championship, the Float-building competition, the tug-of-war, and the Overall Spirit award for the second year in a row. The question is, "Where did all this spirit come from?"

Mr. Jeff Frerker, social studies teacher, concluded, "I've seen a lot of classes over the years. It just happens that this class has more students that like to be involved in school activities."

Junior Tori Toler explained, "We're all outgoing and like to have fun. Plus, we wanted to show the rest of the school that we dominate." However, senior Jamee Rund felt, "They have spirit because they are upperclassmen that don't have to worry about college yet. We have other things on our minds."

Junior Matt Nagel decided, "It's all about the millennium and the position of the celestial bodies—or maybe it's just because we're the class of 2000!" ✍ *junior Katie Rodman*

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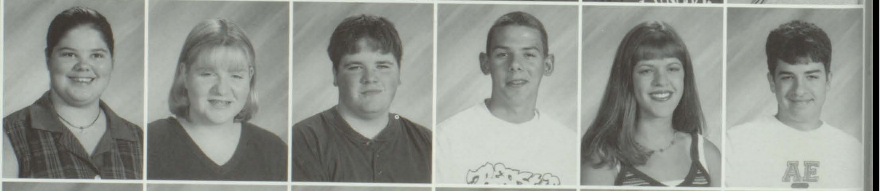

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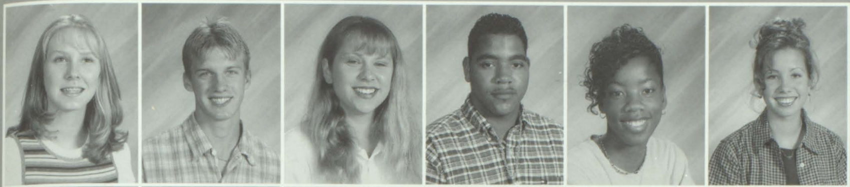

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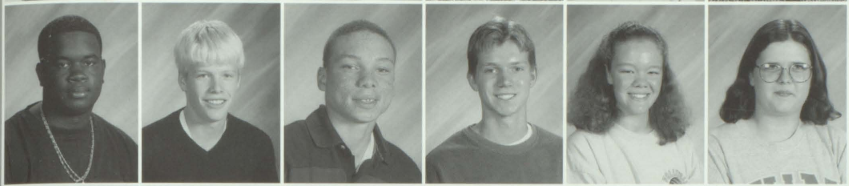

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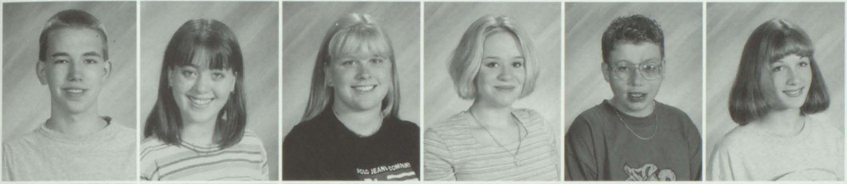

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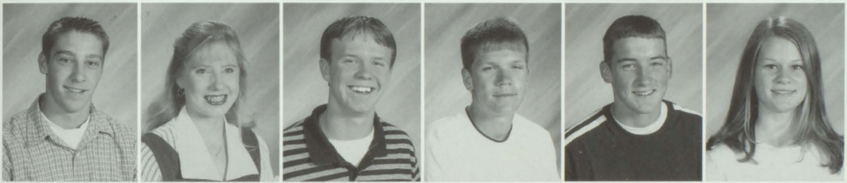

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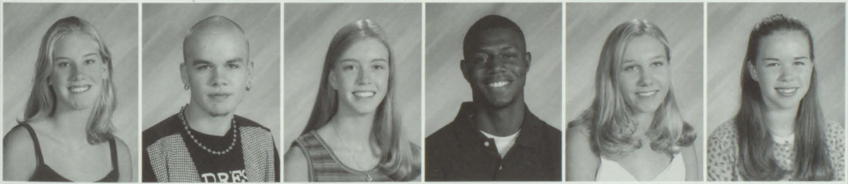

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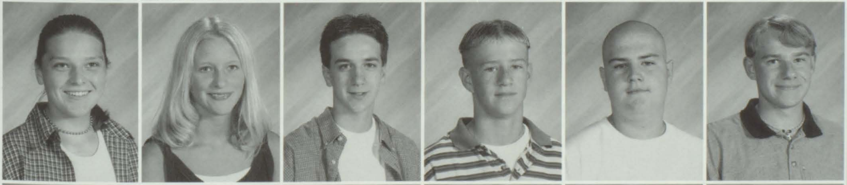

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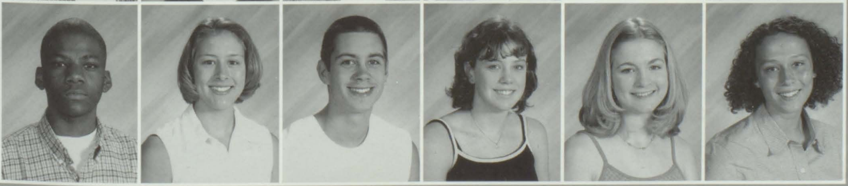

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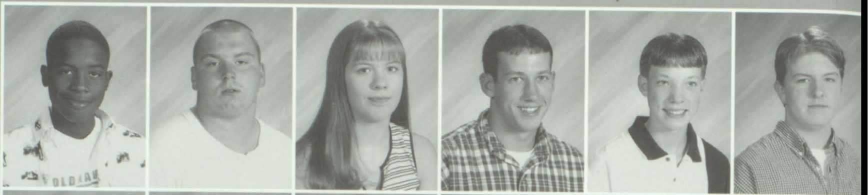

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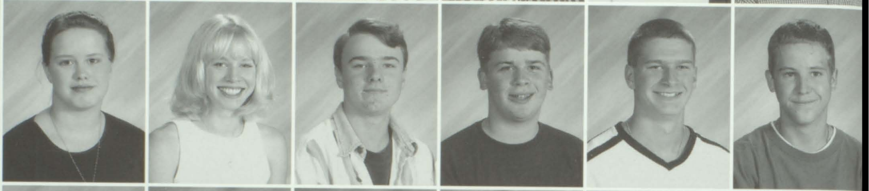

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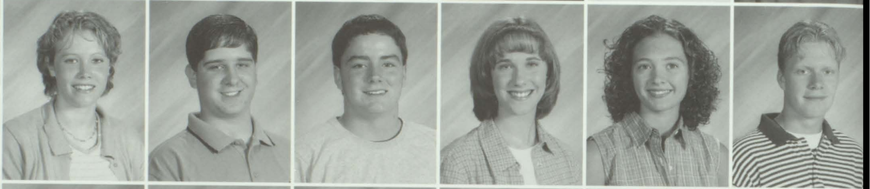

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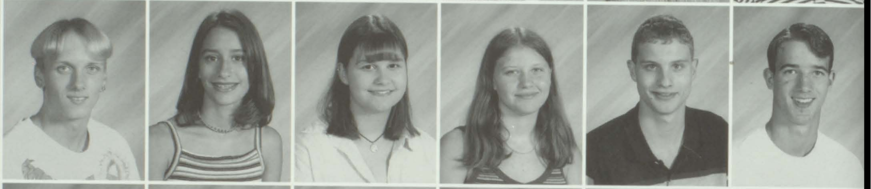

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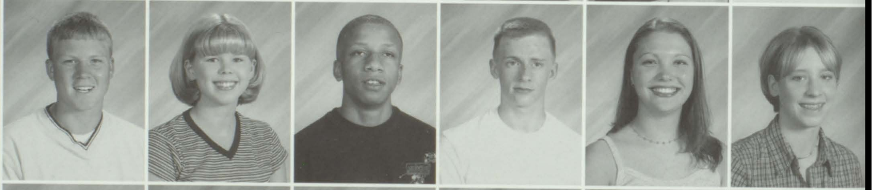

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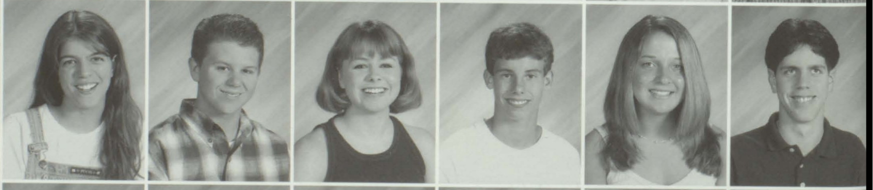

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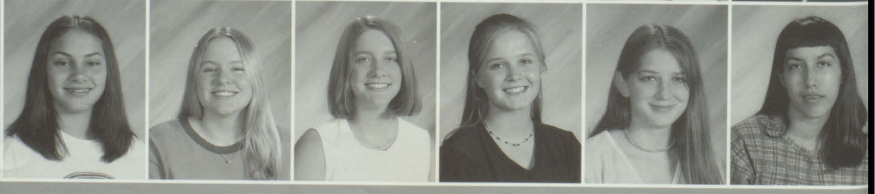

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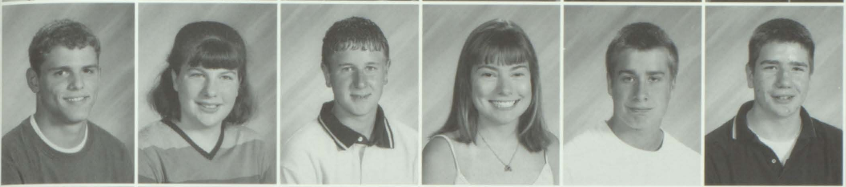

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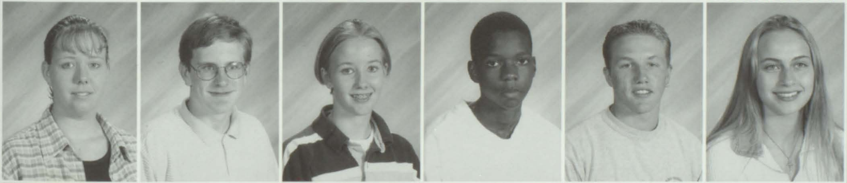

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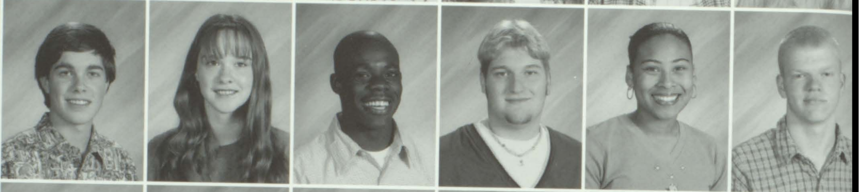

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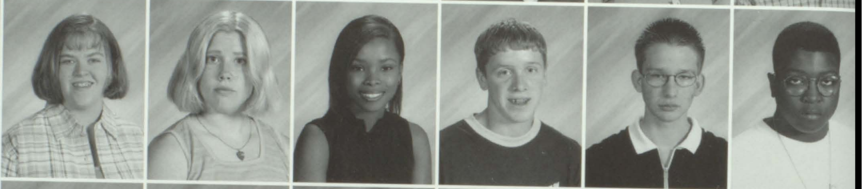

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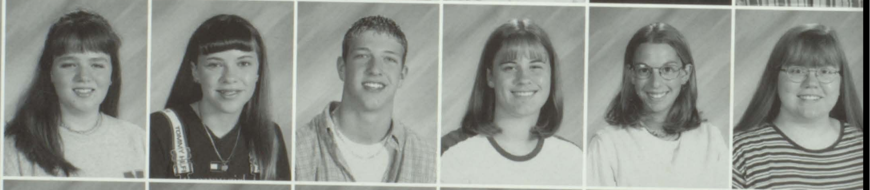

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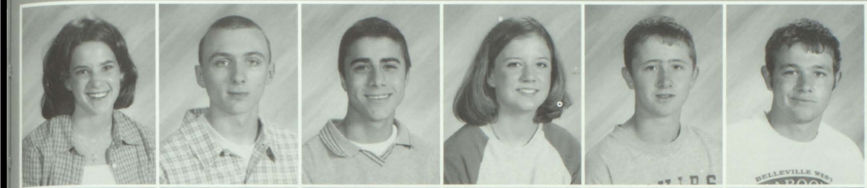

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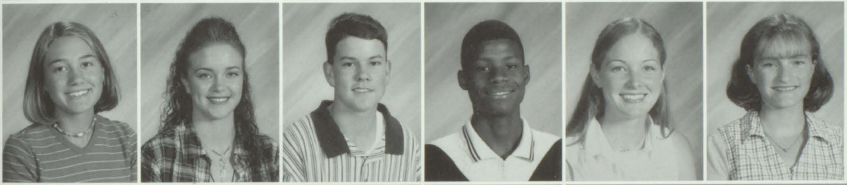

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SORE THUMBS

Freshmen tend to stick out

Even though they try not to, many freshmen act like the typical freshman. These seniors give examples for all those freshmen out there that don't see it. Don't worry, kids. You'll understand when you're a senior.

"Some freshmen are especially easy to spot this year, seeing as how a large number of the boys have an equivalent height of sixth-graders." - Brad Behrmann

"Anyone that has a bright orange folder that is more than three inches thick." - David Murrell

"Freshmen are easy to spot; you see them going into the pizza line everyday." - Jeremy Joffray

"When they stop in the middle of the hall during passing period." - Jackie Bilbrey

"Anyone who acts like someone you wouldn't be caught dead acting like." - Sean DonCarlos

"Freshmen make a big deal of everything, from screaming about the sophomore who likes them to yelling very loudly about how they got an 'A' in Health." - Jessica Handley

"The easiest way for me to spot a freshman is that most of them have the maturity level of my little brother." - Sarah Hardin

✍ *senior Billy Mease*

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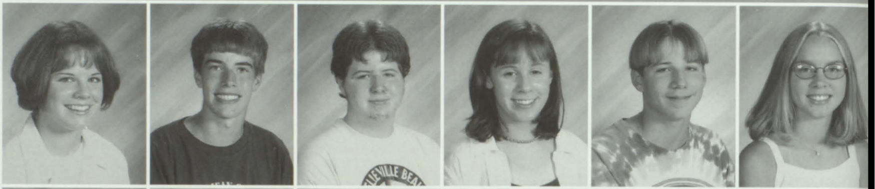

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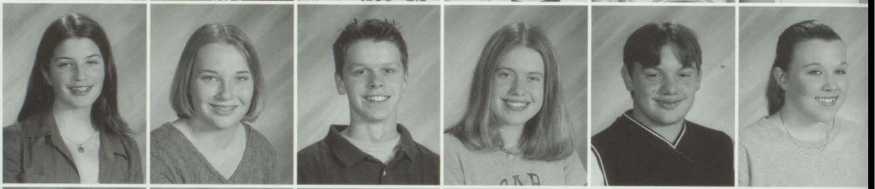

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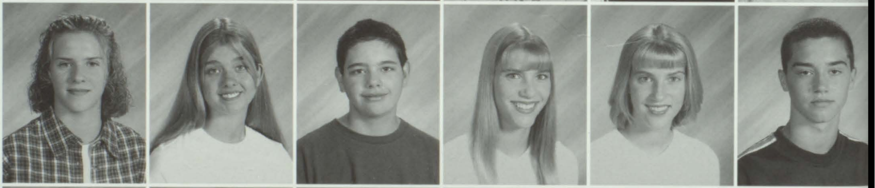

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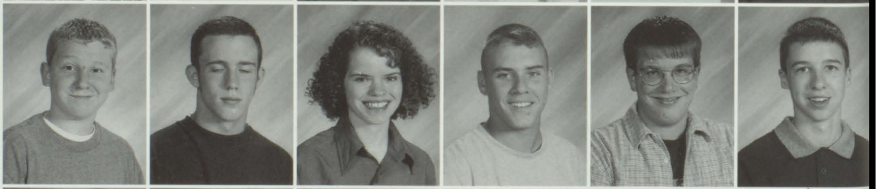

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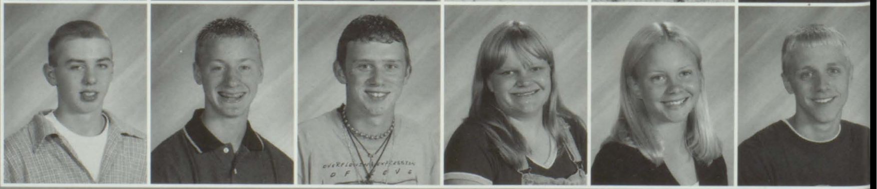

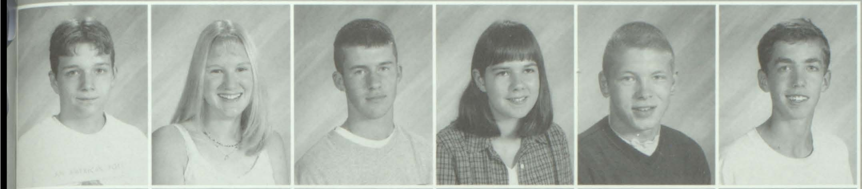

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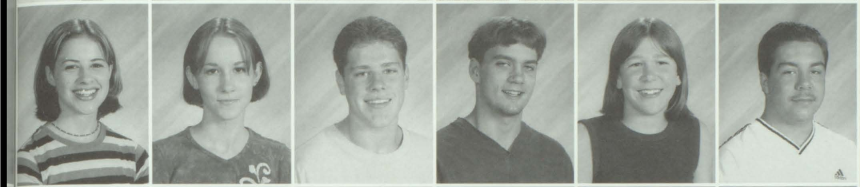

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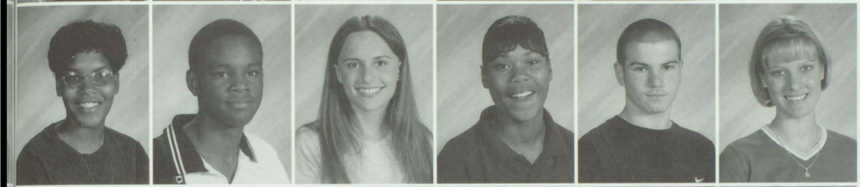

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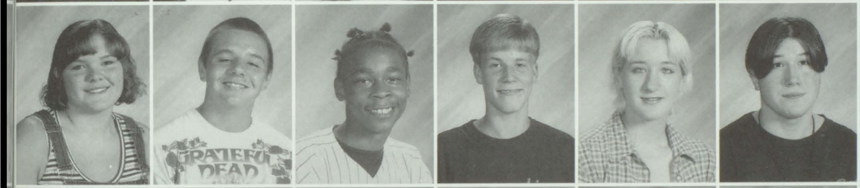

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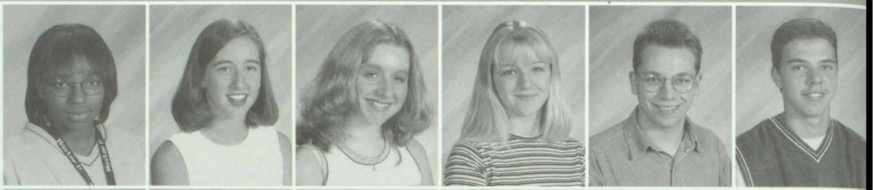
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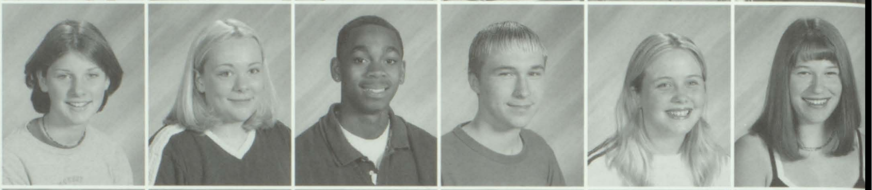
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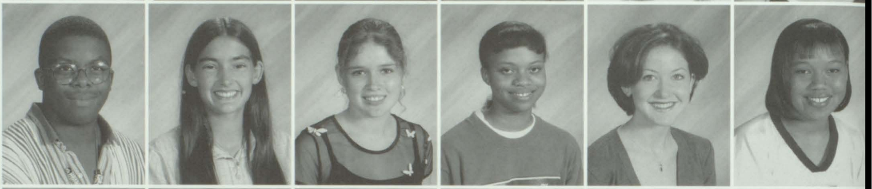
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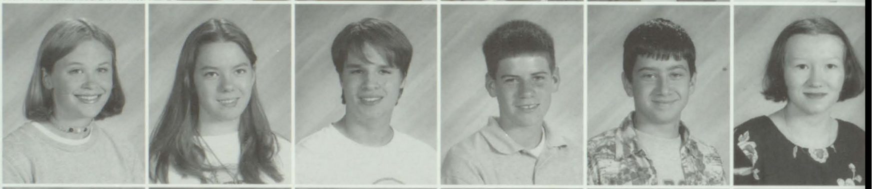
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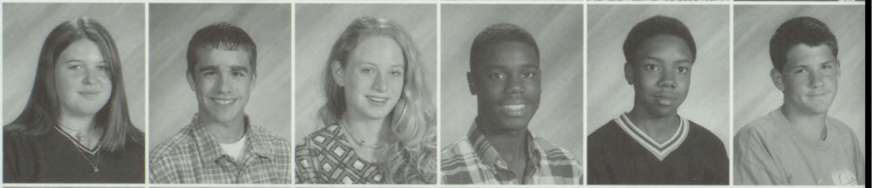
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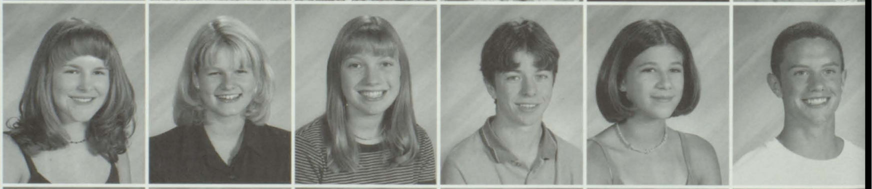
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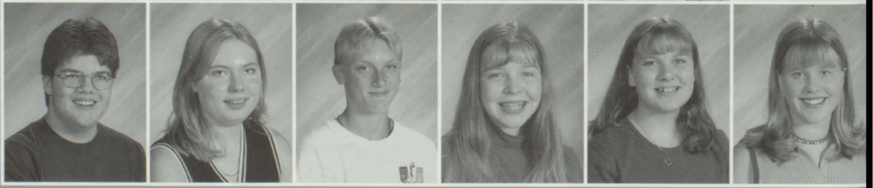
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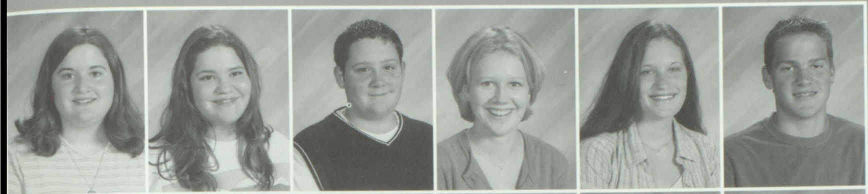

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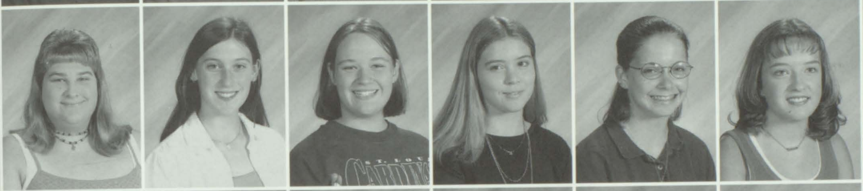

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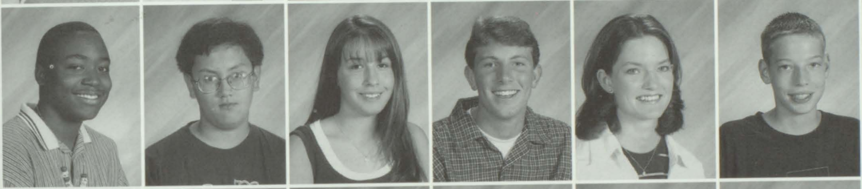

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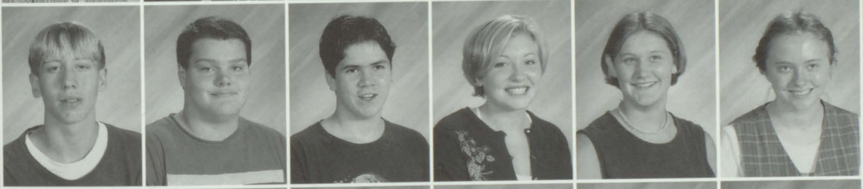

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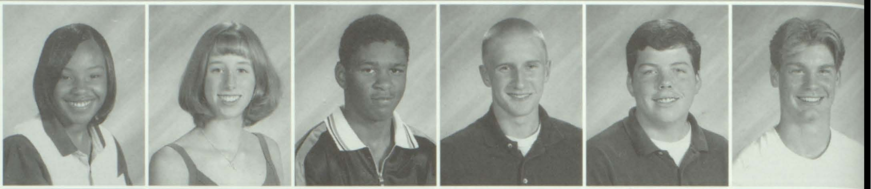

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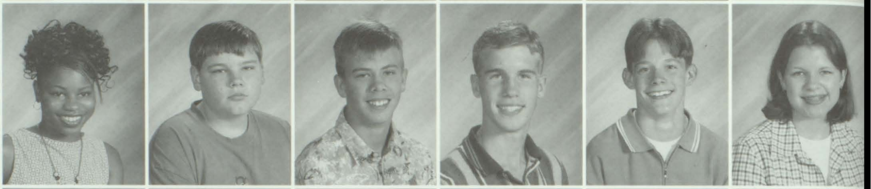

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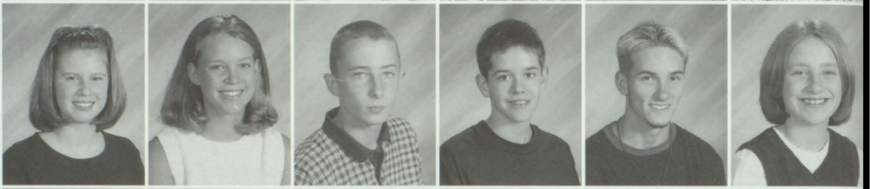

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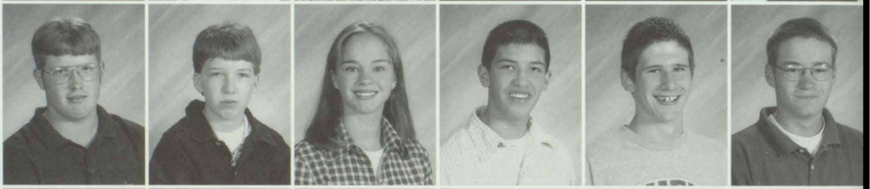

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LOST *IN THE CROWD*

The campus causes confusion

With its ten different buildings, over 200 different classrooms, and 2,100 students, our school can be quite an intimidating place to those who aren't very familiar with it. It's easy to see how students could find themselves lost amidst all of this confusion. Many students have been lost at some point on this campus.

Sophomore Lindsay Loeffler remembered, "When I was a freshman, I had the hardest time finding the volleyball locker room in the main gym. On the first day of practice I was fifteen minutes late getting there because I had been looking all over for the locker room. I was so embarrassed."

Freshman Ian Randall said, "In the beginning of this year I got lost all the time. I would always get the buildings confused, and somehow I would always end up in the wrong one at the wrong time."

"At the beginning of this year the N building really confused me. All the class rooms looked the same to me. One time I got really confused, and I couldn't find my Biology class. I ended up having to ask a teacher how to get there," recalled freshman Molly Mernick.

Although our school may seem to be a very confusing place at first, after a few weeks, most students figure it out. The first few weeks can provide for many memorable stories. ✍ *sophomore Anne Callison*

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Kati Jackson
Richard Jackson
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Seth Koelker

NEW CAMPUS

Students reflect on loss of old campus

If you want to know why they are building a new school, all you have to do is ask some of the students.

As senior Jodi Barnes said, "This school is too old! In the bathrooms, the faucets don't work and some of the stalls don't have doors." Another problem many students complain about is the smoking in the bathroom. "It's awful to walk into a bathroom smelling perfectly normal and come out smelling like smoke," junior Alison Berens complained.

Sophmore Jimmy Mourey wishes that the lockers could be easier to get to. "It's hard to fight your way through the crowd of people to get to your locker and then make it to class on time." Physics teacher Mr. Gary Shepek has a simple solution to this problem, "I think we should erect a building between the Auditorium and the Main Building to house all the lockers."

Even though there are many problems people complain about, most would agree that it would not be Belleville West without them. Junior Zach Fite said, "I think it's cool to go to a school that has been around for as long as West has."✍ *junior Jennifer Baechle*

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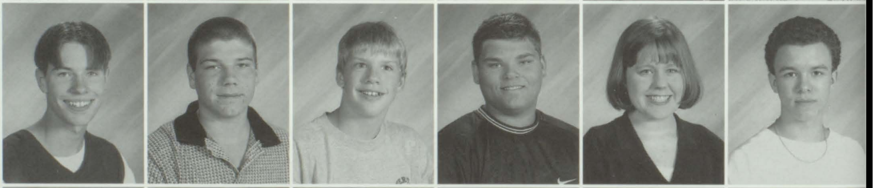

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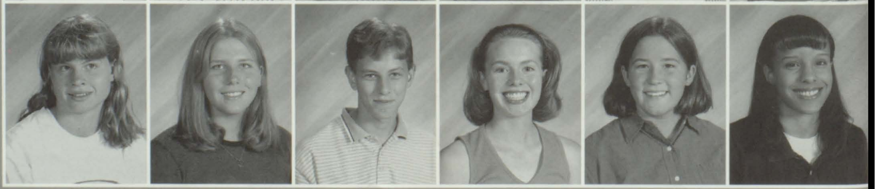

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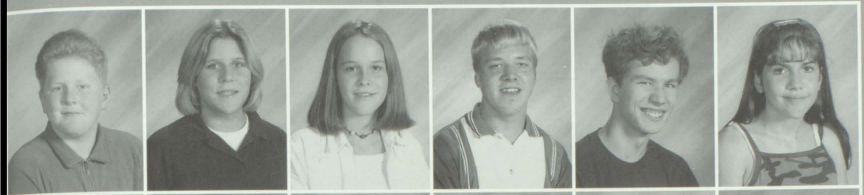

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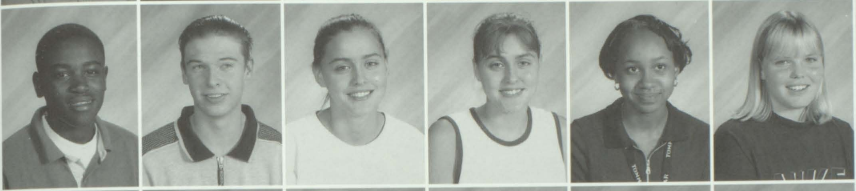

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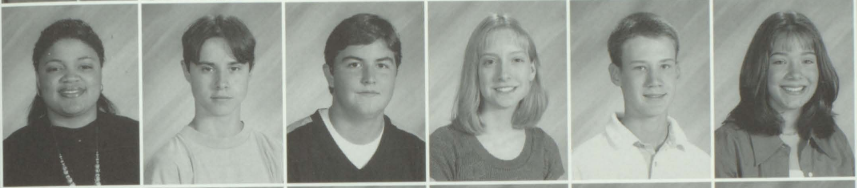

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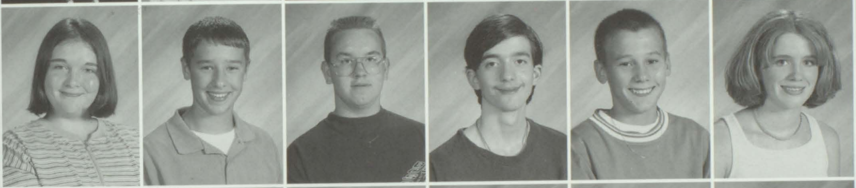

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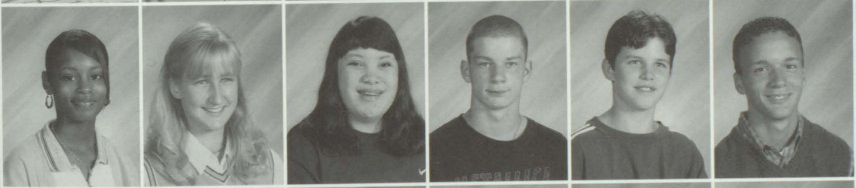

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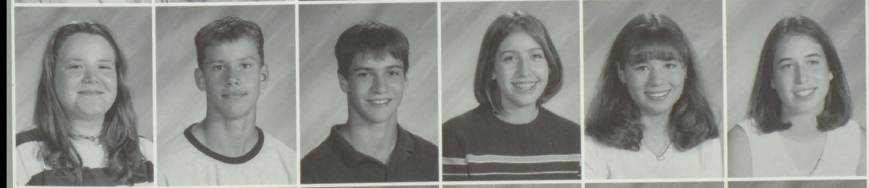

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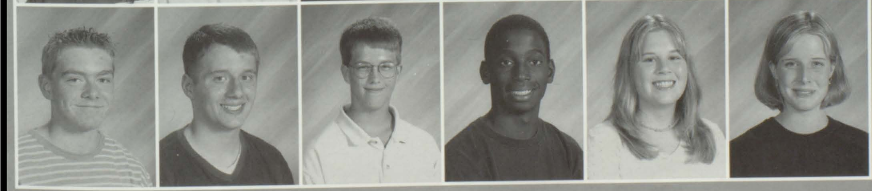

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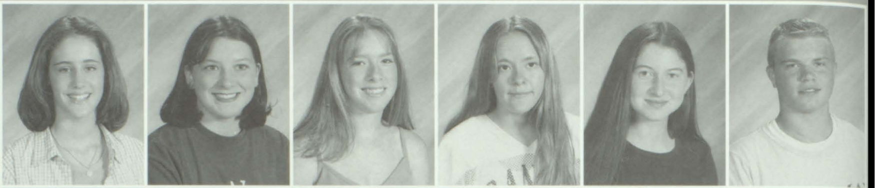

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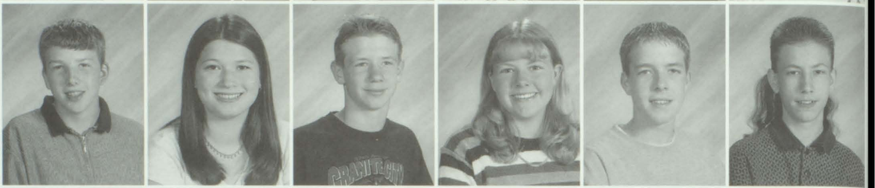

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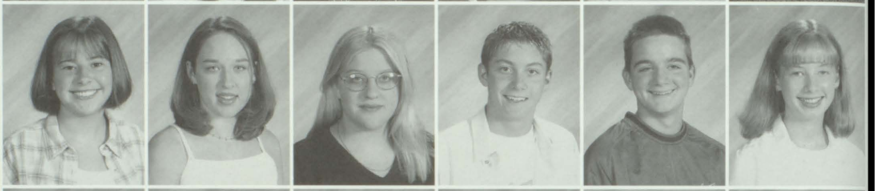

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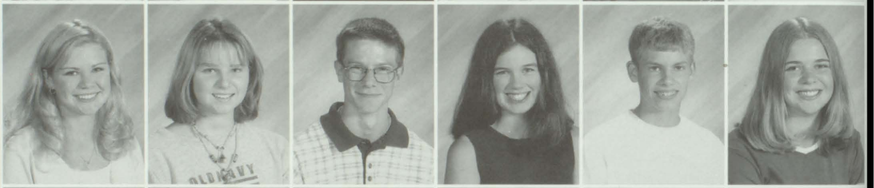

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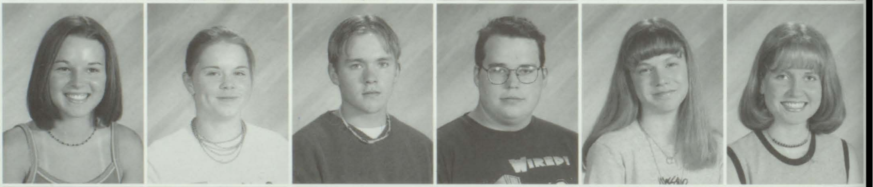

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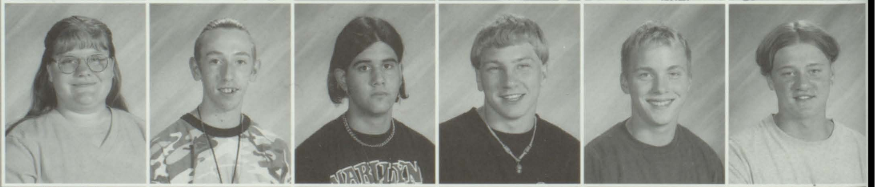

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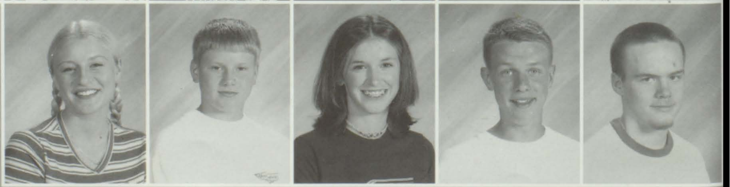

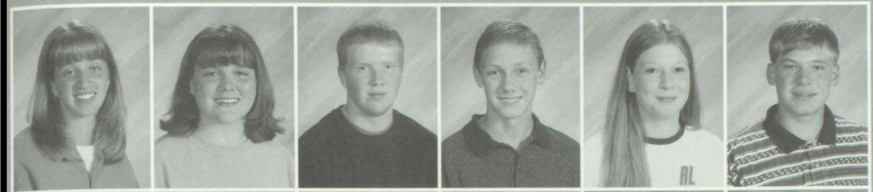

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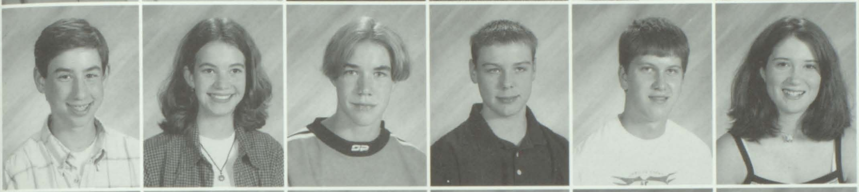

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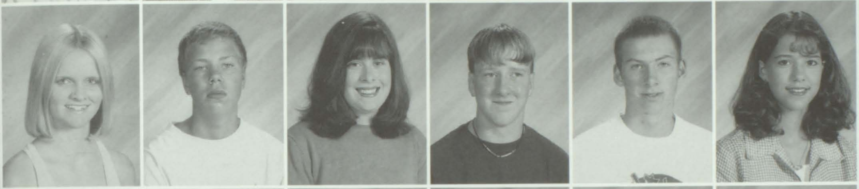

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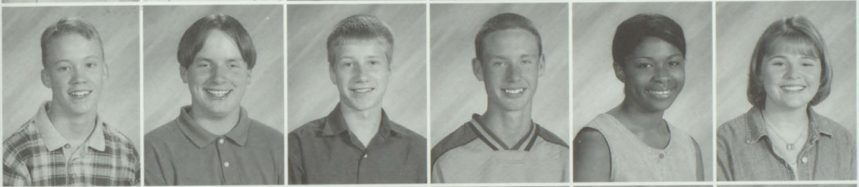

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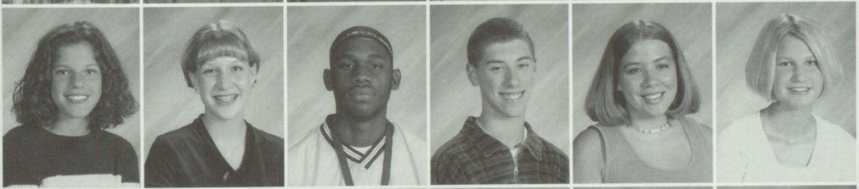

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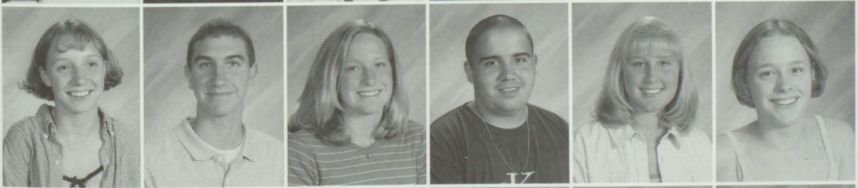

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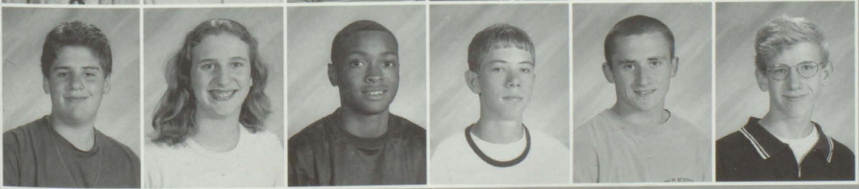

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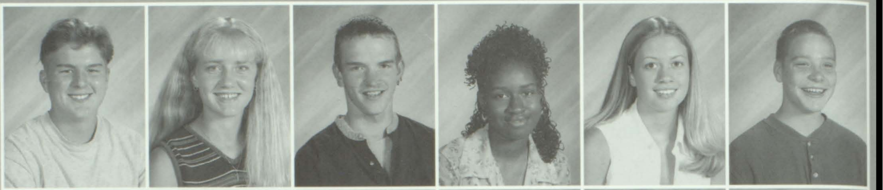

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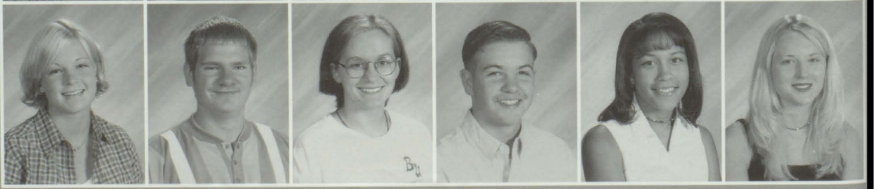

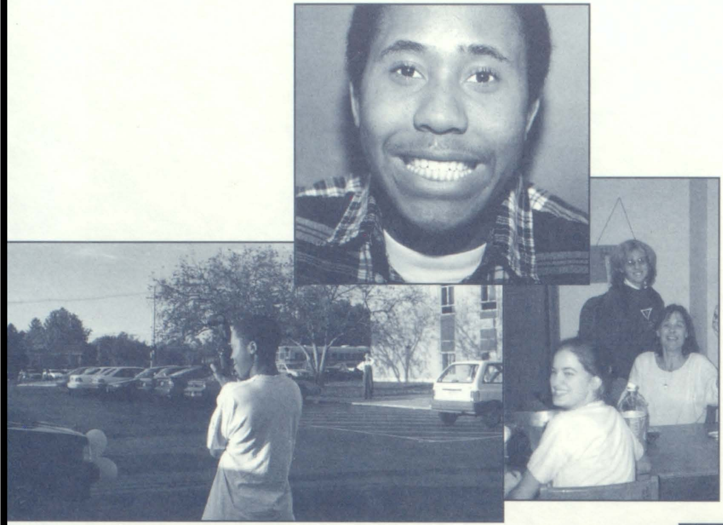

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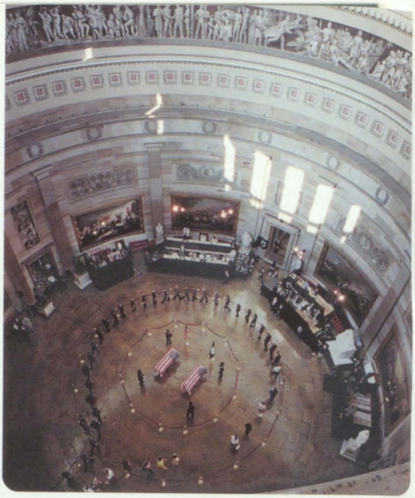
Two police officers were killed and a tourist was seriously injured in July when a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol and opened fire. Russell Eugene Weston Jr., 41, began his shooting spree in mid-afternoon when the Capitol was filled with tourists and with the House still in session. Capitol Police Officer Jacob Chestnut, 58, was shot and killed at point-blank range as Weston barged through a metal detector. Fellow officer John Gibson, 42, was killed while exchanging fire with Weston. A memorial service was held in the Capitol Rotunda to honor both officers for their courageous acts. Weston, a paranoid schizophrenic with a long-standing fear of the federal government, was shot several times in the incident, but survived. He faces the federal death penalty for his crime.


Joe Marquette/AP

The Chicago Bulls claimed their third consecutive championship by beating the Utah Jazz in the NBA Finals in June. It was Chicago's sixth league title in the 1990s and the team's second three-peat in eight years. Major off-season changes, most notably the retirements of head coach Phil Jackson and the legendary Michael Jordan, brought an inevitable end to one of professional basketball's true dynasties.

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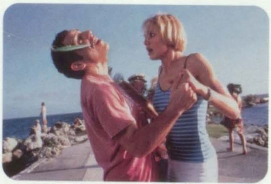
NBA Finals
Mark Terrill/AP

The United Autoworkers Union for General Motors Corp. went on strike in June, idling thousands of workers and crippling production in the company's North American operation. The strike, which lasted seven weeks, involved one of GM's specialized parts factories and ultimately resulted in five assembly plants being closed until a deal was struck.

Paul Warner/AP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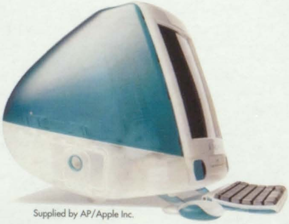
The sleeper hit "There's Something About Mary" got a slow start, but eventually shot to the top to become one of the summer's most popular movies. Starring Cameron Diaz, Ben Stiller and Matt Dillon, the gross-out comedy earned an impressive $150 million in the eight weeks following its release in July.


Supplied by AP/Apple Inc.

With its futuristic design and translucent exterior, Apple's new iMac made a big splash in the computer industry when it was released in August. Both eye-catching and affordable, the iMac was an instant hit with more than 278,000 units sold during its first six weeks on the market. By year's end, the colorful new-age Macintosh had saturated the first-time buyers' market and converted a substantial number of PC users to become the fastest-selling computer in history.

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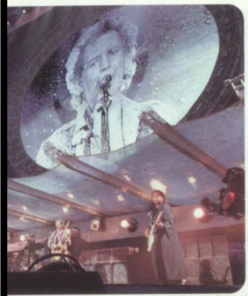
"The X-Files" movie, based on the hit TV series, opened in June and became No. 1 at the box office in its first week of release. David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprised their TV roles as FBI agents on the trail of a sinister global conspiracy. The movie's plot picked up the continuing story and also propelled the TV show into its sixth season in the fall. • **Mary Jane Coder, 41, armed only with a**

Peter Cosgrove/AP

Nearly two million people logged on to the America's Health Network web site to witness the Internet's first-ever live birth on June 16. Billed as an educational event, the Internet birth was filmed at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children in Orlando, Fla. Elizabeth Ann Oliver, 40, having had labor induced, gave birth to a seven-pound boy in the unprecedented online delivery.

Newshan Naltchayan/AP

The year's highest-profile Hollywood union came in July when Barbra Streisand and James Brolin were married. After a two-year courtship and several reported proposals, the seasoned character actor finally closed the deal with his multi-talented sweetheart. Streisand's son, Jason, gave the bride away and Brolin's son, Josh, was the best man during the ceremony, which featured a 16-piece orchestra conducted by Marvin Hamlisch. Guests included John Travolta, Tom Hanks and Quincy Jones.



Ivan Sekretarev/AP

The Rolling Stones performed their first-ever Russian concert in August at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium. The legendary rock group first applied for permission to play in the Soviet Union in 1967, but was denied due to irreconcilable differences. The Moscow concert, which lasted nearly three hours, was part of the Stones' highly successful "No Security" tour.

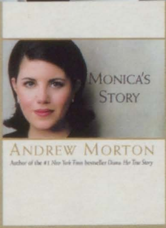
Paul Chiasson/AP

The Detroit Red Wings rode an emotional wave to their second consecutive NHL championship, defeating the Washington Capitals in five games. The Red Wings dedicated their 1998 Stanley Cup to teammate Vladimir Konstantinov, who was injured in a near-fatal car crash days after their 1997 win. At center ice, the once-rugged defenseman acknowledged a standing ovation by rising from his wheelchair and waving to fans.

Sex, Lies & the Presidency

Greg Gibson/AP

After being impeached by the House of Representatives and tried in the Senate, President Clinton was acquitted on all charges for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal. Following the historic Senate votes, Clinton apologized to the American people for what the scandal had done to the country. The embattled president then began the tough task of putting the scandal behind him and fulfilling his political agenda in the last two years of his presidency.



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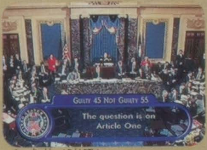
Although fearful she might never be able to fully recover, Monica Lewinsky tried to begin her life anew in the aftermath of the presidential sex scandal. The former White House intern looked for closure by speaking publicly for the first time about her affair with the president in an interview with Barbara Walters on ABC. She also spent time promoting her book titled, "Monica's Story," written with Princess Diana biographer Andrew Morton.



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People all over the world witnessed history in the making as senators cast their votes, resulting in President Clinton's acquittal. Split almost entirely down party lines, both articles of impeachment failed. The first article, accusing the president of perjury, failed by a 55-45 vote, with 55 "Not Guilty" votes. The vote on the second article failed by a 50-50 vote.

Doug Mills/AP

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who spearheaded the investigation of the president from Whitewater to Monica, has since been compelled to ask the Justice Department to look into unauthorized leaks of confidential material from his office. Other questions regarding the integrity of Starr's four-year, $40 million probe have also surfaced. Meanwhile, Starr remained unyielding, and contemplated the possibility of seeking an indictment against the president.

Khue Bui/AP

With a quiet dignity, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton endured the humiliation of her husband's indiscretions and through it all held her ground. Despite her personal and political ordeals, there was speculation the first lady might enter the New York senate race in 2000.

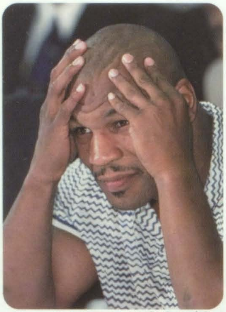
Sound Off

In light of the political events of 1998, would you run for president?

YES	30%
NO	70%

pocket knife and her motherly instincts, fought off a mountain lion that tried repeatedly to attack her three young daughters during a hiking trip in June at Big Bend National Park in west Texas. By waving the knife, shouting and throwing rocks, Coder distracted the animal long enough for the girls to escape back up the trail to the family car. Walking backward with her small knife in hand, Coder followed with an eye on the lion until she too was able to escape. • Two **members of Pennsylvania's Amish community** were thrust into the confusing world of the U.S. criminal justice system in June when they were indicted on drug-trafficking charges in federal court. In what investigators described as the first-ever drug case to involve the Amish, 24-year-old Abner Stoltzfus and Abner King Stoltzfus, 23, were arraigned on charges of obtaining methamphetamine and cocaine from a motorcycle gang called the Pagans, and selling it to

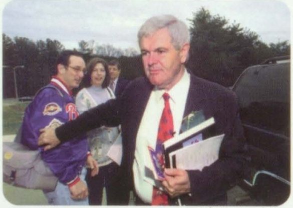
Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson won a 15-month battle to re-enter the boxing ring when the Nevada State Athletic Commission restored his license in October. His license was suspended in 1997 after he bit Evander Holyfield's ear during their world title fight. Tyson, on parole from an earlier rape conviction, made a triumphant return to the boxing ring against Francois Botha in January. A month later, he was arrested for assault and sent back to jail.


Eric Draper/AP

John Glenn was rocketed back into space on the shuttle Discovery in October as the world's oldest astronaut. In an emotional reprise of his historic journey into space 36 years before, Glenn returned to the heavens as a test subject for NASA's research on aging. In 1962, the 77-year-old former U.S. Senator became the first American to orbit the Earth.

Gina Mitchell/AP

Newt Gingrich shocked the country in November when he resigned as House Speaker and announced he was leaving Congress. Considered the mastermind behind the Republicans' dramatic return to congressional power after 40 years in the minority, Gingrich was ultimately blamed for the GOP's disappointing showing in the 1998 mid-term elections. This ironic twist of fate was the culmination of more than a year of declining popularity, which saw him barely win a second term as speaker and survive an attempted coup by members of his own party and leadership.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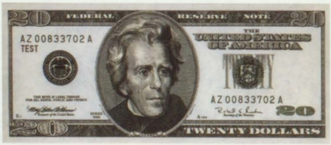

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The U.S. Treasury Department began issuing newly redesigned $20 bills in September, completing the third phase of its anti-counterfeiting program. The new $20 bills feature a larger, slightly off-center portrait of President Jackson, color-shifting ink for the numeral in the lower right-hand corner on the front, and a front view of the White House instead of the back view used on the older notes. A redesigned $100 bill entered circulation in 1996 followed a year later by a redesigned $50 bill. Similar redesigns of the $10 and $5 bills are also planned and will be released simultaneously. The new currency will circulate along with older bills until they wear out and are pulled from circulation.

Swissair Flight 111 from New York to Geneva crashed into the North Atlantic off the Nova Scotian coast in September, killing all 229 people on board. Search crews recovered hundreds of thousands of pieces of the airliner from the ocean floor in the months following the tragic crash. Information collected from the flight data recorder indicated that a little more than an hour after leaving Kennedy International Airport, the pilot reported a fire in the cockpit. Sixteen minutes later, the aircraft plunged into the ocean. Although the official cause of the crash was uncertain, faulty wiring in the in-flight video system was suspected.

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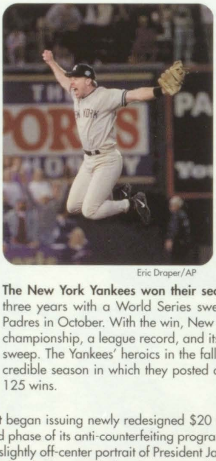
Eric Draper/AP

The New York Yankees won their second championship in three years with a World Series sweep of the San Diego Padres in October. With the win, New York recorded its 24th championship, a league record, and its seventh World Series sweep. The Yankees' heroics in the fall classic capped an incredible season in which they posted a major league record 125 wins.

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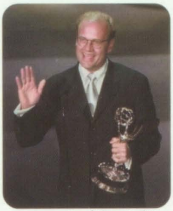
Amish teens. The two men later pleaded guilty to the charges and faced up to 40 years in prison and up to $2 million in fines. • Less than five months after his ex-fiancee was convicted of murdering a romantic rival and sentenced to life, **former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham returned to court** on the same charge in July. Prosecutors alleged Graham shot 16-year-old Adrianne Jones,

Eric Gay/AP

University of Texas tailback Ricky Williams broke the Division I-A career rushing record during a late-season game against cross-state rival Texas A&M. Williams, who later won the Heisman Trophy, rushed for 6,279 yards, eclipsing the record set by 1976 Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett 22 years before. During his career with the Longhorns, Williams set 16 NCAA records and 44 school marks. His stellar senior season put him in position to be the first pick in the NFL draft.

NBC's highly rated sitcom, "Frasier," set an industry record in September by winning its fifth consecutive Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series. Overall, the show won four Emmys, including Kelsey Grammar's win for Lead Actor in a Comedy Series. "Fraiser" began its sixth season on a new night, filling the coveted Thursday time slot previously occupied by "Seinfeld."



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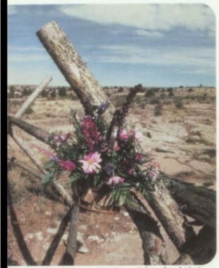


Ed Andrieski/AP

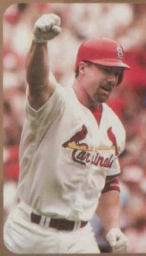
One of two high-profile hate crimes during the year involved 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, an openly gay student at the University of Wyoming. In October, Shepard was brutally beaten, roped to a fence and left to die in freezing weather. Russell Henderson, 22, and Aaron McKinney, 21, the two men responsible for the savage attack, faced the death penalty on charges of kidnapping, aggravated robbery and first degree murder. Shepard's grisly death helped intensify the push for tougher laws against hate crimes.

SPORTS APOCALYPSE IS COMING
NBA CANNED FOOD DRIVE
HEY NBA, WHAT ABOUT THE FANS?

Jeff Geissler/AP

A labor dispute between the players' union and the NBA caused a lockout, which led to the cancellation of regular season games for the first time in league history. At the center of the debate was a collective bargaining agreement that called for concessions in free agency and the salary cap. At the eleventh hour, the players' union accepted a proposal that salvaged part of the season. The lockout, which lasted 204 days, cost the league and players millions of dollars and resulted in teams canceling 32 games on their 82-game schedule.

Season of Dreams



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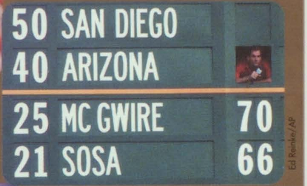
Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals brought America's field of dreams to life again, slamming 70 home runs on the season to eclipse Roger Maris' 37-year-old major league record of 61. Big Mac's assault on the record began on opening day with a grand slam. His 70th homer came some 120 games later in the Cardinals' final outing of the season. Through it all, McGwire's admirable sportsmanship was considered as impressive as his awesome heroics.

Whether you were a fan of baseball or not, it was hard not to get caught up in Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa's exhilarating home run race.



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Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa matched Mark McGwire in sportsmanship and almost in home runs, finishing the season with 66. Sosa followed McGwire in breaking Roger Maris' home run record, initiating a major league slugfest that captivated the nation and was credited for revitalizing the sport that had languished since the 1994 players' strike. Sosa's incredible season was capped with his being named National League MVP.

Sound Off

Who was the hero of the year?

1. Mark McGwire
2. Bill Clinton
3. Michael Jordan
4. Sammy Sosa
5. John Glenn

The durable Cal Ripken Jr. ended his remarkable streak after being in the Baltimore Orioles' lineup for 2,632 straight games in 16 years. Ripken, who in 1995 surpassed Lou Gehrig's iron man mark of 2,130 consecutive games, took himself out of the starting lineup in Baltimore's last home game of the season against the New York Yankees. The future Hall of Famer was not injured, but decided it was just time for the streak to end.

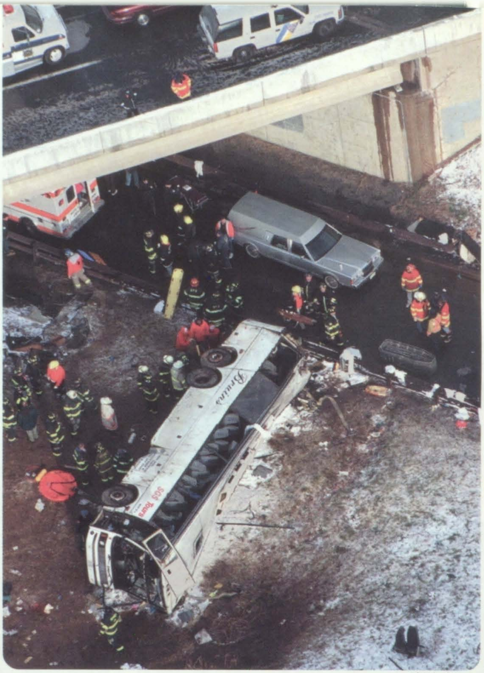
John Gillis/AP

Eric Risberg/AP

The New York Yankees gave their fans a season to remember, rolling to a major league record 125 wins and a World Series sweep of the San Diego Padres. Without a single player starting in the midseason All-Star game, the Yankees' true greatness was as a team, one that some have already dubbed the best in baseball history. Their exemplary teamwork was the ideal complement to the individual heroics of Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Cal Ripken Jr. in one of baseball's most extraordinary seasons on record.

a high school classmate with whom he'd had a romantic fling, because his jealous girlfriend, Diane Zamora, ordered him to do so. After a three-week trial, in which Graham's written confession was key evidence, a jury found him guilty of capital murder and sentenced him to life in prison. • **Comedian Jerry Seinfeld returned to stand-up** in July less than two months after his popular television sitcom ended. Without advertising or promotion of any kind, Seinfeld quietly worked several shows at the Comedy and Magic Club in suburban Los Angeles, as well as a few performances in America's heartland. The shows served as a warm-up for the comedian's special Broadway performances titled, "I'm Telling You for the Last Time," the final of which aired on HBO in August. The HBO special featured some of Seinfeld's classic bits, all of which he said would be retired for good. • **British Petroleum and U.S. oil giant Amoco Corp.** announced

Eight people were killed and more than 30 others injured in a tragic holiday bus crash on the Garden State Parkway in December. Bound for Atlantic City from Brooklyn, N.Y., the bus slid off the ice-covered highway and overturned. The majority of surviving passengers, most of whom were elderly, had to be extricated from the icy confines of the mangled bus and suffered frostbite while waiting to be transported from the scene of the accident.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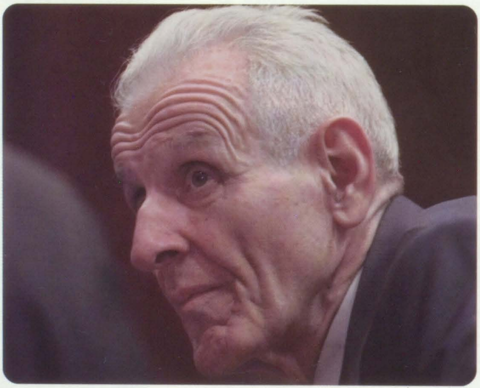
The FBI released 1,275 pages of its files on Frank Sinatra in December, seven months after he died of a heart attack. The files consisted mostly of vague rumors of Sinatra's ties to the mob and information relating to several death and extortion threats against him. The remainder of the files, reported to contain most of Sinatra's recorded phone calls with mobsters, were kept sealed.

Bill Kostroun/AP

The legal woes of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, advocate of assisted suicide and self-proclaimed angel of mercy, were compounded in November after he allowed the CBS news program "60 Minutes" to air a videotape of him administering lethal drugs to a terminally ill patient. Kevorkian, who escaped prosecution in five previous assisted-suicide cases, was charged with second-degree murder following the nationally televised segment. A jury later found Kevorkian guilty, following a trial in which he defended himself. The 70-year-old pathologist faced a sentence of up to 25 years in prison.


Carlos Osorio/AP

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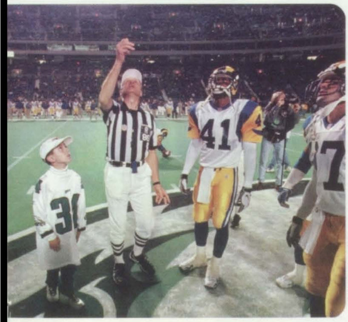
details of their historic merger in August. The $110 billion deal was billed as the world's largest industrial merger on record. BP would dominate the new industrial alliance, holding 60 percent of the stock and filling six of the eight seats on the executive board. Headquartered in London, the new group operated oil, gas and chemical operations spanning the globe. • The Clinton administration announced

Adam Nadel/AP

Michael J. Fox, star of ABC's "Spin City" and several motion pictures, broke seven years of silence in November when he revealed he had Parkinson's disease. Fox learned of his neurological condition soon after filming "Doc Hollywood" in 1991 and later had surgery to alleviate symptoms. The 37-year-old actor, best known for his work on the "Back to the Future" movies, felt talking about the incurable disease would help others who suffer from it.

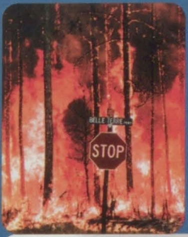


Chris Gardner/AP

A controversial coin toss, several high-profile officiating blunders, coaches fired and rehired and the Atlanta Falcons in the Super Bowl were just a few of the highlights in one of the NFL's strangest seasons on record. When the dust settled, Atlanta was reeling from its loss in the "Big Dance" and the league was preparing to implement instant replay for the second time in 10 years. Only time would tell how the NFL would rebound from 1998's bizarre season.

Nature's Fury Unleashed

Searing summer temperatures and a lack of rain fueled the worst Florida wildfires in half a century. Flames scorched nearly 500,000 acres in all 67 counties of the Sunshine State, killing three people and injuring more than 100 others, most of them firefighters. Damage to more than 350 homes and 12,000 farms was estimated to be in excess of $300 million. An additional $100 million was spent to fight the blazes.



Joe Cavaretta/AP

In a fury of rain and 100-mile-per-hour winds, Hurricane Georges whipped through the Caribbean and the Florida Keys in the fall. In its wake, it killed more than 300 people and left another 100,000 homeless. The hardest hit area was the Dominican Republic, where more than 250 died.

Dave Martin/AP

Milton Flores/AP

Hurricane Mitch unleashed its wrath in Central America in the fall, dropping more than five feet of rain in one week and carrying with it 180-mile-per-hour winds. More than 11,000 people lost their lives in what experts called the deadliest Atlantic storm in 200 years. Many of the people killed were buried alive in as much as 12 feet of mud. A rare Category 5 hurricane, Mitch left a million people homeless and was responsible for the loss of more than half of the area's food crops.

Brian Cassey/AP

A magnitude 7.1 earthquake in the Pacific Ocean near New Guinea triggered a raging tsunami that wiped out four coastal villages and killed an estimated 3,000 people. The deadly wall of water was 40 feet high at some points and created currents averaging 22 miles per hour.

Nearly 1,000 people perished and another 3,000 were injured in Colombia when a deadly earthquake hit in January. Measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale, the earthquake devastated the provincial capital of Armenia and spread to as many as 20 other towns and villages in five provinces. As many as 37 powerful aftershocks rocked the area in the week following the earthquake.

Jaime Puebla/AP

the federal government had posted a budget surplus for fiscal 1999 in excess of $70 billion, the largest dollar surplus in U.S. history and the first since 1969. The surplus marked the seventh consecutive year of fiscal improvement under the Clinton administration. Budget projections for fiscal 1999 at the time Clinton took office were for a $404 billion deficit. • **Al Lewis, a.k.a. Grandpa Munster,** the Green Party's gubernatorial candidate in New York, filed a lawsuit against the state's Board of Elections in September for not allowing him to use the word "Grandpa" before his name on the ballot. The 88-year-old actor, political activist and former union organizer lost the lawsuit and eventually his bid for governor, garnering a mere 1 percent of the vote to incumbent George Pataki's 54 percent. • Less than six months after leaving the Spice Girls, **Geri Halliwell became a United Nations goodwill ambassador** and began working with

Jordan's King Hussein, 63, died in February after a long struggle with cancer, ending a reign of nearly 46 years and prompting worldwide mourning. Known for his humanity and a bold pursuit for Middle East peace, Hussein's death was felt around the globe. Foreign leaders and dignitaries, including President Clinton and former presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George Bush, converged on Jordan for the fallen leader's elaborate state funeral. Hussein, who was crowned in 1953 at the age of 18, was credited for lifting Jordan into a place of international prominence with his far-reaching abilities as a mediator and leader. Abdullah, Hussein's 37-year-old son, was sworn in as king shortly after his father's death.

Enric Marti/AP

The year's most popular toy was the fun and furry Furby from Tiger Electronics, which created a buying frenzy during the holiday shopping season. Released in four seasonal colors, the Furby doll featured moving eyes and an uncanny "repeat after me" ability that had kids enthralled and the government alarmed. Due to potential security risks, the playful electronic recording devices were prohibited from the Pentagon and many other government agencies.

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The newly created NCAA Bowl Championship Series used a number-crunching system that few understood, but at season's end it resulted in the much-talked-about match-up between No. 1 and No. 2. The top-ranked Tennessee Volunteers prevailed as national champions, beating the Florida State Seminoles, 23-16, in the Fiesta Bowl.

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After being thrown out by a lower court, the sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Paula Jones against President Clinton was settled out of court. Without an apology or admission of guilt, the president agreed to pay Jones $850,000 in November. The settlement ended any chance for an appeal in the matter.

Victoria Arocho/AP

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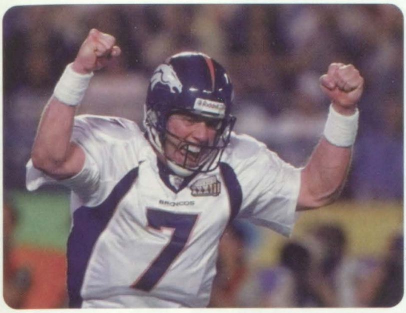
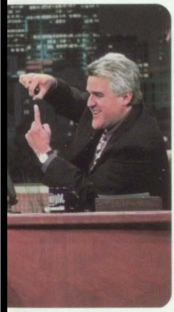
the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. A short time later, Halliwell signed a solo album deal worth $2 million. • **The U.S. Transportation Department unveiled plans for a new crash-test dummy** to represent women in September. The move was meant to protect those with smaller body frames, who were at a higher risk of injury by automobile air bags. The Transportation


Doug Mills/AP

The defending-champion Denver Broncos became the first AFC team to win consecutive league crowns in nearly 20 years when they defeated the upstart Atlanta Falcons, 34-19, in Super Bowl XXXIII. Leading the Broncos to their second consecutive championship was veteran quarterback John Elway, who was named Super Bowl MVP. Elway, who said the 1998 season was likely his last, was weighing retirement against the opportunity to lead the Broncos to a third straight NFL title—a feat no team nor quarterback had ever accomplished.



During a taping of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in November, professional wrestler Hollywood Hulk Hogan announced his retirement from wrestling and his interest in running for president in 2000. Hogan, known for his flamboyant personality and hulking physique, cited the political success of fellow wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura, the newly elected governor of Minnesota, as his inspiration to join the presidential race. As of press time, Hogan had not officially declared his candidacy.

J. Scott Applewhite/AP

Twenty-three years after his father, Jimmy Hoffa, mysteriously disappeared and was presumed dead, James P. Hoffa was elected in December to head the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Downplaying his father's legendary status with the Teamsters, Hoffa pledged to strengthen the union's ailing finances and bolster its organizing efforts.

A Matter of Trust

Khalil Senosi/AP

Terrorists bombed two U.S. embassies in East Africa in August, killing more than 250 people and wounding thousands. The blasts, which occurred minutes apart in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were allegedly engineered and financed by Saudi exile Osama bin Laden. Two weeks after the bombings, President Clinton ordered retaliatory missile strikes on suspected terrorist sites in Afghanistan and Sudan. Key operatives for bin Laden were later arrested after a worldwide crackdown.

Jacob Hollingsworth/AP

Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of U.N. resolutions regarding weapons inspections led to a series of air strikes against Iraq in December. Dubbed "Operation Desert Fox" by the Pentagon, the air raids by U.S. and British forces lasted four nights and included the destruction of Iraqi military intelligence headquarters and several suspected manufacturing sites for chemical and biological weapons. In the months following the attack, several smaller air raids were necessary to control Iraq's violation of the no-fly zones that were set up after the 1991 Gulf War.

Sound Off

Were the air strikes against Iraq justified/appropriate?

YES	69%
NO	31%

Srdjan Ilic/AP

With the collapse of peace talks in March, the United States and its NATO allies launched a series of air strikes against Yugoslavia. The Serbian government's refusal to sign a peace agreement with leaders of Kosovo's Albanian majority sparked the attacks, NATO's first against a sovereign country in its 50-year history. Ethnic Albanians were fighting for their independence from Serbia and were involved in a series of violent clashes with Orthodox Christian Serbs, which triggered warfare with Serbian troops. Prior to the NATO air strikes, fighting between the two factions had resulted in the deaths of more than 2,000 people and had left over 400,000 homeless.

Michal Dolezal/AP

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic became full-fledged members of NATO in March. The expansion came less than a decade after the three countries exchanged Communist rule for democracy and ended their Cold War military ties to the Soviet Union. NATO, which was founded in 1949, plays a central role in preserving European security. The organization has been expanded four times in 50 years, growing from 12 original members to 19 members today.

Department had earlier approved certification for crash dummies representing toddlers and infants. Before the new dummies were introduced and approved, the government had required automakers to pass crash tests for air bags using only adult male dummies. • **A Turkish Airlines jetliner was hijacked** in September by a man armed with a toy gun. The aircraft, which was about 30 minutes into a flight from Ankara to Istanbul, was diverted to the Black Sea port of Trabzon, where the 86 people aboard the plane were released and the hijacker surrendered. The hijacker, identified as Ihsan Akyuz, reportedly pulled the stunt to protest a ban on Islamic-style head coverings for women at Turkey's universities. • **The antitrust lawsuit against Bill Gates and Microsoft Corporation went to trial** in October. The Justice Department and 19 states alleged that Microsoft abused monopoly power by bundling the Internet Explorer

The International Olympic Committee was plunged into scandal in January when allegations of bribery surfaced in relation to Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Under sanctions approved by the committee's executive board, six members were asked to resign due to the spiraling crisis, considered the largest corruption scandal in the history of the Games. The crux of the scandal centered on a myriad of bribes–cash payments, scholarships and other special favors–accepted by IOC members prior to voting on the host city for the 2002 Winter Games. In light of the scandal, new provisions were adopted for the IOC's selection process.

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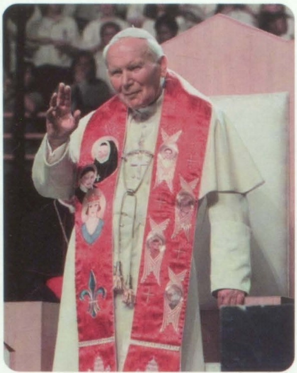

Massimo Sambucetti/AP

Making only his fifth trip to the U.S. mainland, Pope John Paul II stopped in St. Louis in January after a triumphant five-day visit to Mexico City. The 30-hour stay in America's heartland was part of the pope's worldwide mission to rally followers against declining values as the church heads into the new millennium. More than 130,000 people filled two sports arenas and the St. Louis Cathedral to see and pray with the pontiff during three separate events. In his sermons, the ailing 78-year-old pope decried "a culture of death" that embraces abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty.

Lauryn Hill had a big night at the 41st Annual Grammy Awards in February. The former Fugees lead singer won an unprecedented five Grammys on the strength of "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," her critically acclaimed solo debut. Hill's five wins in one night were the most ever by a female artist, eclipsing Carole King's four Grammys for "Tapestry" in 1971. Establishing herself as a force in the recording industry, Hill won Grammys for album of the year, best new artist, female rhythm and blues vocal, R&B song for "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and R&B album.

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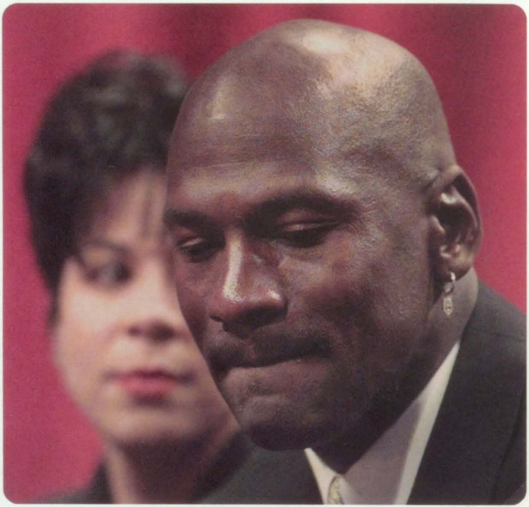

Michael Green/AP

After 13 seasons, six championships and countless spectacular performances, Michael Jordan announced his retirement from the Chicago Bulls in January. It was the second time in five years that Jordan walked away from the game, following his retirement in 1993 when he briefly pursued a professional baseball career. Jordan, arguably the greatest player in NBA history, was a five-time league MVP, led the NBA in scoring 10 times and averaged an unprecedented 31.5 points per game during his career. Considered a modern-day Babe Ruth, Jordan left an indelible mark on the game with his inspiring play and larger-than-life popularity.

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browser with its operating system for personal computers. The trial was recessed in February and was not expected to resume until June. • **Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz came out of retirement** in December to accept the head coaching job at the University of South Carolina. Holtz, who was working as a college football analyst for CBS, agreed to a five-year, $650,000

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The wildly popular British children's program, Teletubbies, featuring a quartet of cuddly baby-talking aliens, was cast into controversy in February when conservative religious leader Jerry Falwell claimed one of the characters was gay. Writing in his monthly magazine, Falwell said Tinky Winky, the largest of the four characters, projected subtle signs of homosexuality by periodically carrying a purse, having a triangle, the gay pride symbol, on his head and for being purple, the gay pride color. The comments sparked an international uproar that eventually led to an apology from Falwell. Meanwhile, the show's popularity skyrocketed, along with sales of Teletubbies merchandise.

In a tragic twist of fate, Canada's famous groundhog weather forecaster, Wiarton Willie, died days before his highly anticipated annual performance in February. Organizers of the celebrated Groundhog Festival in Wiarton, Ontario, Canada, kept Willie's death a secret until Feb. 2, when he was scheduled to leave his hole and check for a shadow. In lieu of the annual weather forecasting gala, a special memorial service was held for the mystical marmot.

Frank Gunn/AP

Encore Performances

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"Armageddon" blazed across theater screens during the summer, making an impact as one of the year's highest-grossing films. Starring Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler, the special effects-laden blockbuster told the story of a roughneck oil driller who leads a rowdy band of misfits into outer space to save the world from a Texas-size asteroid. "Armageddon," Disney's most expensive movie ever, earned more than $180 million in its first six weeks of release.

Sound Off

What was your favorite movie of 1998?

1. Armageddon
2. There's Something About Mary
3. Titanic
4. Saving Private Ryan
5. The Waterboy

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Television's teen soap rose to a new level of intelligence with "Dawson's Creek," which in its second season became the highest-rated series in the history of the WB network and one of the year's midseason gems. The rapid success of "Dawson's Creek" propelled its young cast members to stardom and onto the big screen. Lead actors James Van der Beek, Katie Holmes, Joshua Jackson and Michelle Williams filmed eight feature films during their hiatus from the show.

Sound Off

What is your favorite TV show?

1. Dawson's Creek
2. Friends
3. The Simpsons
4. South Park
5. ER

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Emerging as the quintessential leader of rock's Rap/Metal Revolution, Korn took to the road in 1998 as the headliners of their own "Family Values" arena tour. Korn, along with Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy, unleashed a special blend of musical reactants while promoting "Follow the Leader," their critically acclaimed third album. The sold-out tour grossed nearly $7 million through its 27 dates and played to more than 250,000 people.

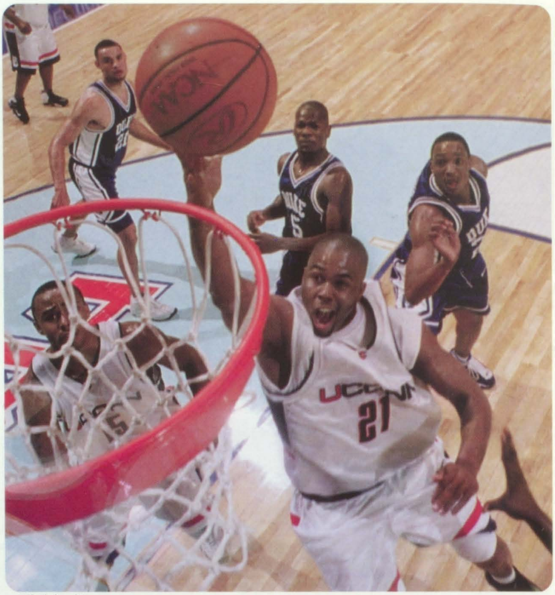
Sound Off

What was your favorite Album of 1998?

1. DMX
2. 2Pac
3. Korn
4. Lauryn Hill
5. 'N Sync

contract to coach the Gamecocks. In 11 years at Notre Dame, Holtz compiled a record of 100-30-2 and led the Fighting Irish to a national championship. • In a complicated takeover that captured the attention of investors and the Department of Justice, **America Online, the world's largest online service provider, merged with Netscape** in a $4.2 billion deal that some saw as a step towards dethroning Microsoft from its position atop the Internet browser world. • **The nine-team ABL, one of two U.S. women's pro basketball leagues, folded** in December in the midst of its third season. Unable to obtain the television exposure and sponsorship support needed to make the league viable, the ABL canceled the rest of its games and filed for bankruptcy. Many suspected the success of the WNBA, the other women's league, played a large part in the ultimate demise of the ABL. • **Barbie, the world's best-loved doll, turned**

The University of Connecticut captured its first-ever NCAA championship with a thrilling 77-74 victory over top-ranked Duke, the heavily favored team considered by most to be unbeatable. UConn and Duke, the only two teams to hold the No. 1 ranking during the season, played a final game worthy of their rankings. A back-and-forth battle from start to finish, the lead changed hands several times before the Huskies took control in the final 20 seconds. With the win, UConn broke Duke's 32-game winning streak and kept the Blue Devils from setting an NCAA record for wins in a season.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Steven Spielberg's anticipated win as best director for "Saving Private Ryan," his extraordinary World War II masterpiece, was overshadowed by the movie's unforeseen loss as best picture at the 71st Annual Academy Awards. An early favorite to win best picture honors, "Saving Private Ryan" was surprisingly defeated by "Shakespeare in Love" as the year's top film. Spielberg's Oscar for best director, his second in the 1990s, was one of the war epic's five Academy Awards.

Grant Halverson/AP

A U.S. military court cleared Capt. Richard Ashby of voluntary manslaughter and other charges relating to the cable car disaster in northern Italy last February. Twenty people were killed when Ashby's fighter jet sheared support cables, sending the cable car plunging 300 feet onto the side of a mountain near the northern Italian ski resort of Cavalese. Prosecutors in the case contended that the U.S. marine pilot was flying the fighter jet too low and too fast. The verdict outraged Italian citizens and government officials, who called the jury's decision scandalous.

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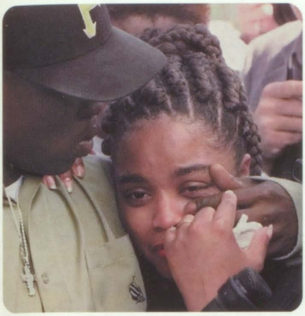
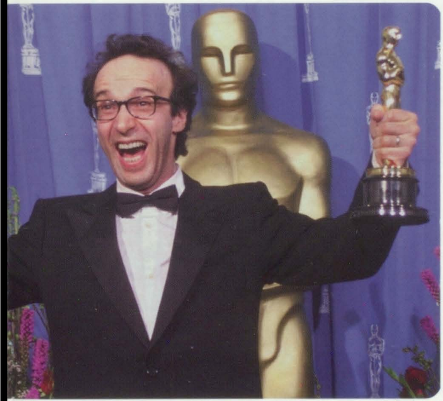
40 and Mattel Inc. kicked off a year-long party in January to commemorate the event. In 40 years, Mattel has sold more than one billion Barbie dolls. The popular doll has been produced in over 500 variations, has embarked on 75 professions and represented 45 nationalities since her birth in 1959. • **Former Chicago Bears running back and NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton** announced



David Phillip/AP

The nation's eyes fell upon Jasper, Texas, in the spring when the first of three trials was completed in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old African-American. A jury convicted white supremacist John William King, 24, of capital murder for chaining Byrd to a pickup by the ankles and dragging him two miles until his body literally ripped to pieces. Two other white men, Shawn Allen Berry, 23, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, also faced capital murder charges in the June killing, which shocked the nation and touched off racial tensions.

Acclaimed Italian filmmaker Roberto Benigni, writer, director and star of "Life Is Beautiful," was responsible for one of the most surprising and entertaining moments at the 71st Annual Academy Awards. Upon winning the Oscar for best actor, Benigni crawled up on the back of his seat and triumphantly walked from chair to chair, arms raised high above his head. Benigni joined Sophia Loren as one of only two people in Academy history to win an acting award for a foreign language film.



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Method for the Masses

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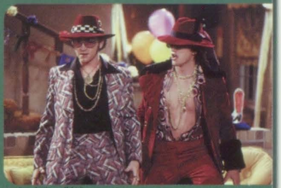
The bold assertion that "blonds have more fun" was put to the test with one of the year's hottest trends. The use of blond hair dye, primarily among males, was popular throughout the year. Golden locks were also prevalent in Hollywood, with stars such as George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Drew Carey and Jason Priestley.



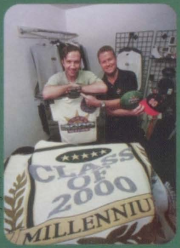
Frank Carroll/AP

Fashion came full circle for teenagers in 1998-99, with clothing styles from the 1970s reemerging. Bell bottoms, flares and other far-out fashions made a comeback with the adolescent crowd. Teens got a weekly look at the trendy styles on the hit sitcom, "That '70s Show," which aired Sunday nights on the FOX network.

Sound Off

What were the most popular trends of 1998?

1. Bell Bottoms/Flares
2. Baggy Pants/Clothes
3. Piercings
4. Cargo Pants
5. Dyed Hair



Lenny Ignelzi/AP

Hysteria and speculation were the predominant emotions as the year 2000 approached. Corporations and governments scrambled to get computer systems ready for the new millennium, while some stockpiled food and water awaiting a global disaster caused by potential computer failures. Others took full advantage of the fear, marketing novelty products like Y2K bug spray. From countdown clocks to entrepreneurs who even went so far as to copyright the phrase "Class of 2000," there was money to be made as the countdown to the 21st Century marched on.

Sound Off

What are the most important issues facing teens today?

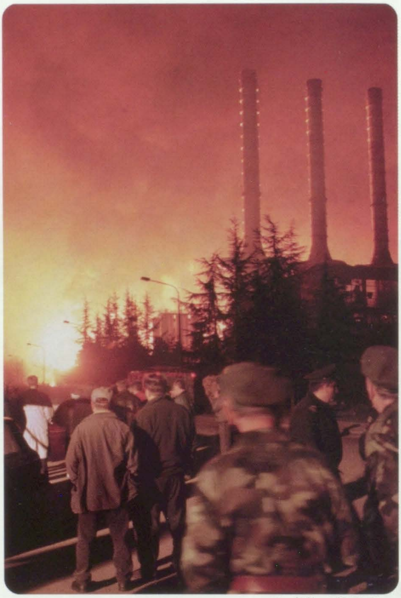
1. Drugs
2. Sex
3. Drinking/Alcohol
4. Pregnancy
5. Peer Pressure

in February that he had a rare liver disease and would need a transplant to live. Payton, 44, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, was being evaluated for a transplant at the Mayo Clinic. Selected to nine Pro Bowls and inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993, Payton gained 16,726 total yards and carried the ball 3,838 times, both NFL records. • While "ER" continued to pull in viewers, the popular television drama also had to contend with losing its stars. **George Clooney's final episode as Dr. Doug Ross** aired in February, while Julianna Margulies also announced she would be leaving the show when her contract ran out in May of 2000. • **The Dow Jones Industrial Average moved above the 10,000 mark** for the first time ever on March 16. Although skittish traders brought the average back down before the end of trading that day, it was only a matter of weeks before Wall Street celebrated its first close above 10,000

"Shakespeare in Love" took home an Oscar in seven of the 13 categories for which it was nominated, including best picture, at the 71st Annual Academy Awards in March. Gwyneth Paltrow, the movie's leading lady, earned the Academy Award for best actress. The 16th Century tragicomedy also won Oscars for best supporting actress, best original screenplay and best costume design.

Laurie Sparham/AP

NATO authorized a series of air strikes against military and government targets in Yugoslavia in March after an eleventh hour refusal of Kosovo peace talks by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. The NATO attacks, involving 400 allied aircraft and six missile-carrying ships, were aimed at halting the Serbian military's rampage against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo fighting for their independence. More than 2,000 people were killed in the clashes, the majority of which were Albanians slaughtered as a result of ethnic cleansing. In addition, more than 400,000 ethnic Albanians were left homeless by defiant Yugoslav forces pushing them out of Kosovo. NATO leaders pledged to continue the air strikes, and possibly introduce ground troops, until Milosevic agreed to reverse ethnic cleansing.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In what was later called one of the ugliest games ever played in women's college basketball, Purdue prevailed over Duke, 62-45, to win its first-ever NCAA championship. Turnovers, fouls and missed layups by both teams resulted in a dismal 4-4 tie nearly half way through the first half. A slightly better second half for the top-ranked Boilermakers allowed them to gain momentum and eventually earn the national title. It was the lowest-scoring women's title game in NCAA history.

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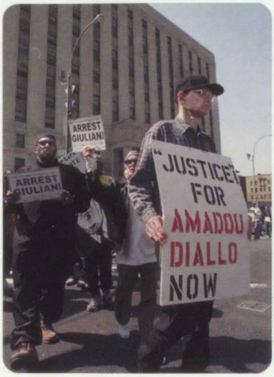
points. While many financial analysts worried that investors were setting themselves up for huge losses by continuing to plow money into the stock market, all three major stock exchanges continued to climb well into the spring. • **The so-called "Melissa" computer virus spread like wildfire** in March, infecting scores of computers and overloading e-mail systems of companies and governments

Fabrice Coffrini/AP

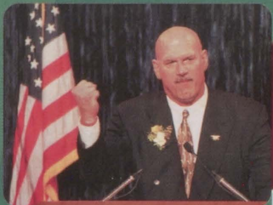
Balloonists Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of Britain made history in March when they completed a record-setting 20-day dash around the world. Circling the globe non-stop in the Breitling Orbiter 3, a magnificent 180-foot-high hot-air balloon, the two adventurers succeeded where others had failed. Just months before, American Steve Fossett attempted a similar journey, but fell short when he had to make an emergency landing. The duo's race around the world encompassed 28,000 miles from the Swiss Alps to Egypt.



Mark Lennihan/AP

Four New York City police officers pleaded not guilty in March to charges of second-degree murder stemming from the February shooting death of street vendor Amadou Diallo. Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy allegedly shot Diallo 19 times in the vestibule of his apartment building. The officers fired a total of 41 shots at Diallo, who was unarmed at the time. The shooting touched off 15 days of protests outside police headquarters, resulting in more than 1,000 arrests. Protesters denounced Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police Commissioner Howard Safir for their perceived indifference to the shooting.

Personalities in Perspective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Craig Fujii/AP

Reform Party candidate and former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura shocked the country with his upset win over popular Democratic and Republican challengers in Minnesota's gubernatorial race. In blissful defiance of mainstream politics, the Harley-riding, cigar-smoking new governor promised Minnesotans he would return $1 billion of the state's $3 billion budget surplus. Having served one term as mayor of suburban Brooklyn Park, Minn., Ventura was one of only two independent governors in the nation.

Superstar actress Jodie Foster made a personal statement for single motherhood when she refused to reveal the identity of the man who fathered her first child, a 7-pound baby boy born July 20. The two-time Oscar winner was not married and announced that she planned to raise her new son, Charles Foster, alone.

Sound Off!

Would you have voted for Jesse "The Body" Ventura?

YES 53%
NO 47%

Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, one of Hollywood's highest profile couples, split up in June after 11 years of marriage. Reported to be a genuinely amicable separation, the couple shared joint custody of their three children, Rumer, 9, Scout, 6, and Tallulah, 4. Meanwhile, lawyers for the two movie stars pulled double duty with a lawsuit filed by their nanny alleging exploitation and abuse and a countersuit claiming defamation of character and breach of confidentiality.

Chris Pizzello/AP

Marty Lederhandler/AP

Howard Stern, the self-proclaimed King of All Media, debuted "The Howard Stern Radio Show" on CBS television in August. Carried on 12 CBS-owned stations and in syndication elsewhere, the 60-minute variety show aired Saturdays opposite "Saturday Night Live." Low ratings, bad reviews and a fair share of complaints resulted in eight stations dumping the show. Although statistics showed young male viewership quadrupling, Stern's show lost the ratings war with NBC's Saturday night institution.

worldwide. Disguised as an "important message" from a friend or colleague, the virus caused computers to forward 50 infected messages, slowing e-mail systems to a crawl. David Smith, the alleged creator of the virus, was arrested nine days after it first appeared and charged with interruption of public communications, conspiracy and theft of computer service. If convicted, he faced a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a $480,000 fine. • Six people were killed and another 100 were injured in March when a tornado ravaged the northwestern Louisiana town of Benton. The twister, said to be 300 yards wide, marked a section of land three miles long and half a mile wide as it flattened homes and swept through trailer parks. Most residents were caught off guard by the tornado, which struck in mid-afternoon on what had been a sunny 70-degree day.

Lasting Impressions

Bill Kostroun/AP

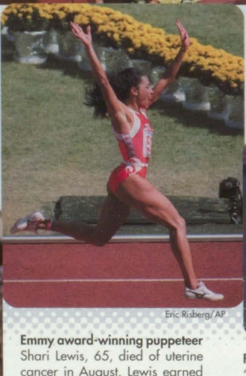
Baseball legend Joe DiMaggio, 84, died in March after spending several months in the hospital recovering from a lung operation. Nicknamed "Joltin' Joe" and "The Yankee Clipper," the Hall of Fame center fielder's 56-game hitting streak in 1941 remains as one of the most revered records in all of sports. A brief marriage to Marilyn Monroe in the 1950s also contributed to DiMaggio's legend.

Roy Rogers, the singing "King of Cowboys" in movies and on television, died in July of heart failure. Co-starring alongside his wife and partner, Dale Evans, and with his faithful horse, Trigger, Rogers became an American icon with his straight-shooting exploits in Hollywood westerns.

Jeffrey Ford/AP

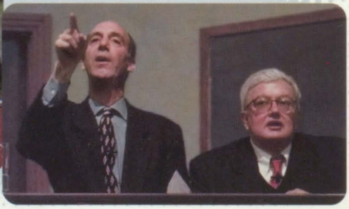
Gene Autry, 91, actor/musician
Betty Carter, 68, jazz singer
Jimmy Driftwood, 91, folk singer
Weeb Ewbank, 91, NFL coach
Norman Fell, 74, actor
John Holliman, 49, journalist
Bob Kane, 83, "Batman" creator
Stanley Kubrick, 70, director
E.G. Marshall, 88, actor
Linda McCartney, 55, musician
Roddy McDowall, 70, actor
Maureen O'Sullivan, 87, actress
Alan J. Pakula, 70, director
Jerome Robbins, 79, choreographer
Esther Rolle, 78, actress
Alan Shepard, 74, astronaut
Buffalo Bob Smith, 80, comedian
Flip Wilson, 64, comedian
Robert Young, 91, actor

Olympic gold medalist and world-class sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner, 38, died in September of a brain seizure. Joyner, who won three gold medals in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, holds world records for the 100- and 200-meter sprints with times of 10.49 and 21.34. Her superhuman speed was overshadowed at times by suspicions of steroid use.


Eric Risberg/AP

Lois Bernstein/AP

Emmy award-winning puppeteer Shari Lewis, 65, died of uterine cancer in August. Lewis earned 12 Emmys for her PBS television specials, featuring the spirited, squeaky-voiced sock puppet, Lamb Chop, and furry sidekicks, Charlie Horse and Hush Puppy.


Elise Amendola/AP

Film critic Gene Siskel, 53, who along with Roger Ebert set the "thumbs-up, thumbs-down" standard in the movie industry, died in February after having surgery to remove a brain tumor. Besides his popular collaboration with Ebert, Siskel wrote movie reviews for the Chicago Tribune and also did reviews for "CBS This Morning" and WBBM-TV in Chicago.

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